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5-day nonaligned summit opens in Delhi today

NEW DELHI, March 6 (AP) — Third World leaders gathered in the Indian capital Sunday for the seventh summit meeting of the nonaligned movement following a decision excluding Cambodia from the meeting because of differences over its rival regimes.

Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi takes over as leader of the 101-member movement from Cuba's Fidel Castro Monday when the five-day summit convenes.

Keeping a close eye on the proceedings were diplomats from the United States, Soviet Union and other major powers, since the summit could help shape Third World opinion on such issues as the Middle East, arms control, Afghanistan and South-West Africa.

A five-day debate over the status of Cambodia ended Saturday with no agreement, a development that, in effect, excluded both rival Cambodian regimes from the summit.

The ministers decided to postpone for at least two years a choice on whether to support Cambodia's Vietnamese-backed Heng Samrin government or the exiled anti-

Fahd not to attend

RIYADH, March 6 (SPA) — King Fahd will not be able to attend the nonaligned summit in India, Information Minister Dr. Muhammad Abdo Yamani said Sunday. The Kingdom's delegation will be led by Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al-Faisal.

Vietnamese coalition under Prince Norodom Sihanouk, Vietnam invaded Cambodia in 1978.

India's K.S. Bajpai, secretary general in the Foreign Ministry, told a news conference that the ministerial debate on Cambodia disclosed "continuing divergencies in the nonaligned movement" over which of the two rival regimes should represent the country.

The movement makes such decisions only by consensus, and never by voting. As a result of the impasse, Bajpai said, the ministers decided that a committee should continue discussing the rival claims and make recommendations to the next foreign ministers' meeting of the nonaligned countries, to convene in 1985.

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1,000 more Muslims killed
3rd massacre comes to light in Assam

NEW DELHI, March 6 (Agencies) — Details of a third massacre of Muslim immigrants in a remote cluster of villages in Assam have just begun to emerge with the discovery of 190 highly decomposed bodies and culture-stripped skeletons, as survivors Sunday said 1,000 persons might have perished in the day-long carnage.

On Feb. 21 thousands of native Assamese surrounded the villages in Dholpur on the bank of the Brahmaputra River in Darrang district, cut off communication links and went on a systematic killing spree, survivors told the first group of journalists to tour the areas since.

The Assam government, now ruled by the Congress (I) Party, first denied the report of the massacre, but Sunday admitted that "It failed to get wind of the tragedy."

A government spokesman in state capital Gauhati said, "We have rushed police and relief teams there. We are awaiting a full report from them, hence we cannot give you any body count."

The villages in the area presented a picture of destruction unhappily familiar now in Assam, with houses burned and corpses strewn everywhere, journalists said.

The official, who returned after a survey of the island called Chaukhowa Chapori, said most of the victims were Muslim immigrants from Bangladesh.

He said the massacre took place in 13 villages on the island the day the state began voting in local elections that sparked violence across the state.

At least 3,500 persons have so far died in Assam mostly in clashes in which immigrant Muslims were pitted against Assamese Hindus and local tribesmen.

Raiders in their thousands descended on the villages with choppers, spears and swords. As in a massacre around the same time in the village of Nellie, most of their victims were women and children.

...A section of the villagers apprehending attacks, had set up resistance units, but were

apparently outnumbered by the native Assamese. "They were overpowered and slaughtered one after the another," said a survivor.

Local officials in Mangaldoi, the headquarters of Darrang district, said the final toll would be around 1,000, but could confirm a definite body count of 190 only.

"Like in Nellie, we will never know how many people were killed here," one journalist quoted a local official as saying.

The villages are situated on the border of Kamrup and Darrang districts, with fertile land because of the proximity of the river. They traditionally supplied fresh vegetables to Gauhati.

Though Darrang was one of the three districts in Assam to suffer most from the violence, sparked by a federal announcement on Feb. 2 that elections would be held in the northeastern state, the massacre in Dholpur was by far the biggest incident in the district.

The worst bloodshed in the state occurred in the Nellie area of Nowgong district where up to 1,000 Muslim villagers were killed.

Troops backed by para-military forces have been deployed in the fertile central Brahmaputra Valley to quell the disturbances, triggered by a militant Assamese campaign to evict illegal immigrants from the state.

Most local Assamese boycotted last month's polling, saying many of the illegal immigrants were on the electoral lists and their campaign led to the worst election violence.

Meanwhile, hundreds of Muslim immigrants were dying of gastro-intestinal diseases, gangrene and starvation in the Assam, with no signs of return to normal after the bloodbath last month, reports reaching here said.

At least 80 to 100 persons have died of gastro-intestinal diseases in Darrang district and another 12 in Nowgong, officials who asked not to be named admitted.

Stones laid for SABIC's projects

By Shahid Orakzai
Alkhobar Bureau

JUBAIL, March 6 — The foundation stones of Saudi Arabian Basic Industries Corporation's (SABIC) four major petrochemical projects were laid here Sunday. A commemorative plaque was unveiled on the occasion by Eastern Province Governor Prince Abdul Mohsen bin Jiluwi in the presence of 500 guests.

The four projects come within the framework of the government plans for industrialization and the use of local resources for export-oriented industries. The ceremony was attended by Planning Minister Hisham Nazer, Industry and Electricity Minister Dr. Ghazi Algosaihi and other senior aides. SABIC's Deputy Chairman of the Board Abdul Aziz Al-Zamel said it was government's intention to translate the corporation's objectives into basic industries which depend on local resources. They will range from complementary, preparatory and supportive industries with all the ingredients required to make them a real success.

Nazer said he was pleased to note that the fertilizer plant was already in full production and hoped that the country will soon have an industrial base of its own.

Dr. Algosaihi said such planning and execution were not the effort of an individual or a group of individuals but the collective will and endeavor of the nation.

The projects dedicated were National Methanol Company, the Eastern Petrochemical Company (Asharq), the Arabian Petrochemical Company (Petrokemya) and National Industrial Gas Company (Ghaaz).

Among them, Petrokemya is now a wholly-owned SABIC project since its American joint venture partner decided to withdraw in December while the SR500 million Ghaaz is a 70-30 joint venture between SABIC and seven national companies. The National Methanol Co., named after renowned Muslim scholar Ibn Sina is a joint venture between SABIC and two American firms, Celanese and Texas Eastern Corporation. The plant to be commissioned in 1984 is planned to be the world highest methanol plant with a capacity of 6,500 metric tons. The Eastern Petrochemical Co. 'Asharq' is a joint venture between SABIC and a Japanese consortium led by Mitsubishi Heavy Industries and will produce 300,000 metric tons of ethylene glycol besides 130,000 tons of low density polyethylene per year.

Dr. Fuad Al Farisi, undersecretary of the Ministry of Electricity and Industry, speaking on the occasion, paid special attention to the National Industrial Gas Co. (Ghaaz) which, he said, was being set up with the objective to meet SABIC's and Petrokemya's requirements in Jubail industrial area and port zone. The project expected to come on stream by 1985 will have a daily production of 1,200 tons of oxygen and 400 tons of nitrogen and would satisfy the needs of other projects at "reasonable prices" and contribute toward economic feasibility of Jubail's industrialization process during the coming decades.



FOUNDATION LAID: Prince Abdul Mohsen bin Jiluwi, governor, Eastern Province, seen looking at a commemorative plaque on the occasion of laying the foundation stones of four petrochemical plants Sunday. He is flanked by Planning Minister Hisham Nazer, right, and Industry and Electricity Minister Dr. Ghazi Algosaihi, left, and other senior officials.

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Alliance with U.S. cornerstone of foreign policy -- Hawke

SYDNEY, March 6 (Agencies) — Australia's prime minister designate, Bob Hawke, who swept into office Saturday on a tide of popular support for his program for economic recovery Sunday pledged Australia would continue as a staunch ally of the United States. However, in a television interview, he said Australia would conduct an independent course in foreign policy. "Our relationship with the United States remains fundamental and will be in the foreseeable future," Hawke said.

In his campaign Hawke said a Labor government would review the Australia-New Zealand-United States (ANZUS) alliance if it came to power, which led Prime Minister Malcolm Fraser to claim Labor would jeopardize Australia's close defense arrangements with the U.S.

Hawke, who defeated the three-term Fraser government Saturday with a swing of about 5 percent across the nation, said his government would follow a more independent foreign policy.

This was in line with policies started by the Whitlam Labor government in 1972 and carried on by Fraser's Liberal, National Party coalition.

Hawke told a news conference in Canberra that he expected the handover of power to be completed next Friday when the new government would be sworn in.

Vote-counting was still going on Sunday, but the electoral office said Labor was assured of a majority of at least 20 and probably 25 seats in the 125-seat lower house compared with the outgoing Fraser government's 21-seat advantage.

The Senate, parliament's watchdog upper chamber, will remain evenly

Vogel concedes defeat
Kohl wins West German poll

BONN, March 6 (R) — West Germany's right-center coalition Sunday appeared certain to strengthen its hand in government and the conservatives could even win an outright victory, according to early general election computer projections by both major state television networks.

Just 45 minutes after the polls closed, the ARD network forecast that the conservative alliance of Chancellor Helmut Kohl's Christian Democrats (CDU) and Christian Social Union (CSU) would win an absolute majority of 50.4 percent of the votes.

The opposition Social Democrats (SPD) would get 37.7 percent and the present government's junior coalition partner, the Free Democrats (FDP) 6.9 percent.

The ZDF station gave the conservatives 47.6 percent, the Social Democrats 39.5 percent, the FDP 7.5 percent, and the radical Greens five percent.

This forecast would mean the conservatives probably needed the continued support of the FDP to control the Bundestag (lower house).

Kohl appeared smiling on television to claim victory. "I wanted a clear majority to continue a policy of the center. I think the voters understood that," he said, adding that the Social Democrats were the clear losers.

The chancellor said he could not say whether there would be a new coalition with the Free Democrats until the final result was known. But he welcomed the fact that the FDP had been returned to parliament.

Social Democratic candidate Hans-Jochen Vogel said on television: "We have suffered considerable losses. This is a defeat."

He congratulated Kohl on the victory and said that the SPD would form a constructive parliamentary opposition.

According to the ARD projection, the anti-nuclear Greens would poll only 4.5 percent of the vote, just short of the five percent needed to win seats in parliament.

The main issue at this stage appeared to be whether the conservatives could rule alone or if the FDP under controversial Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher would stay in the coalition.

An outright conservative victory would almost certainly mean Genscher being replaced as foreign minister and vice-chancellor by Franz Josef Strauss, rightwing leader of the Bavarian-based Christian Social Union.

Continuation of the coalition, with a strong FDP vote, would mean a bitter power battle between the two.

SPD Executive Secretary Peter Glogz conceded defeat Sunday, saying his party "did not reach its goal" in the West German election. Glogz made the statement less than an hour after the polls closed. Television network projections showed the SPD falling far short of its totals in the 1980 national election.

Horst Emke, deputy chairman of the SPD parliamentary caucus, also conceded defeat for the party. "We have to congratulate the CDU for a clear election victory."

A victory in Sunday's West German general election by Kohl is expected by financial experts here to strengthen confidence in that country's much healthier economy.



Kohl... victor Vogel... vanquished

While the French Central Bank was spending heavily last week to support the franc in the European Monetary System (EMS), Prime Minister Pierre Mauroy twice issued denials that there would be a third devaluation in less than two years. But the financial experts said the return of Chancellor Kohl's government would increase pressure for an EMS adjustment.

The French government is expected to introduce new austerity measures soon to curb a soaring trade deficit and bring inflation down from its current annual rate of 10 percent.

As chancellor, the conservative Kohl is expected to pursue business-oriented economic program that will emphasize tax breaks to boost private investment.

His foreign policy statements are more pro-American than those of the opposition Social Democrats, despite the fact that unlike the two previous chancellors, he speaks no English.

Kohl is a strong supporter of the NATO medium-range missiles plan, and says the Soviet Union has not shown enough flexibility in arms talks with the West.

Kohl has devoted his entire adult life to politics, serving in provincial party posts and concentrating on local issues or much of his career. He first joined the Christian Democrats in 1947, at the age of 17.

After earning a doctorate in political science in 1958, Kohl was elected to the state parliament in Mainz the following year. He rose to party state chairman at age 35, and was governor of the state of Rhineland-Palatinate four years later.

Kohl went on to become the Christian Democrat's national chairman, and a candidate for chancellor in the 1976 election race.

The party was defeated in the 1976 race although it culled an impressive 48.6 percent of the vote — and many members blamed Kohl. He became the minority Christian Democratic leader in parliament, but was unsuited to the job and saw his popularity sink gradually.

Big turnout in French election

PARIS, March 6 (AP) — French voters, getting their first opportunity in 22 months to pass judgment on the performance of President Francois Mitterrand's Socialist-Communist government, cast their ballots Sunday in nationwide municipal elections.

Turnout at 5 p.m. was 64.02 percent, slightly more than the 63.08 percent registered at the same time during the first round of the last municipal elections in 1977, the Interior Ministry reported.

Balloting in most areas opened at 8 a.m. the last polls were to close at 8 p.m. (500 GMT).

More than 36 million citizens were eligible to vote in the first round of the elections to choose 496,817 city councilmen in 36,433 communities for six-year terms. In towns where no slate wins an absolute majority, a runoff will be held next Sunday. Mayors are elected by the new city councils.

Though local issues continued to be important, particularly in the smaller communities which make up 94 percent of all French towns, the elections were widely viewed as a referendum on the policies of the leftist government that came to power with Mitterrand's election in May 1981 and the new national assembly a month later.

The conservative opposition is led by Paris Mayor Jacques Chirac, who also heads the Neo-Gaullist rally for the Republic Party, former President Valery Giscard d'Estaing and Giscard's former premier, Raymond Barre. They focused heavily on what they claimed was the government's disastrous economic policy.

Barring unforeseen circumstances, the municipal elections also represented the last nationwide balloting until the next legislative elections in 1986. Mitterrand's seven-year term runs until 1988.

OPEC agrees on price cut--Al-Sabah

LONDON, March 6 (R) — Key OPEC oil ministers have made substantial progress in resolving differences that have blocked agreement to cut their official oil price below an unrealistic level which has driven away many clients, Kuwait's Oil Minister Ali Khalifa Al-Sabah said Sunday.

All 13-member states are due to attend a meeting here Monday following intensive consultations among a group of ministers and their experts trying to narrow differences on price and production levels.

OPEC ministers last met in January in Geneva where they failed to agree on how best to tackle the oil glut which has more than halved their sales in the past three years.

Al-Sabah said the London consultations had settled the important issues of how much OPEC should cut its official price of \$34 a barrel and premiums should be allowed for high quality African crude oils.

He said the Gulf states would compromise on the issue of premiums, which torpedoed

OPEC's Geneva meeting.

Sheikh Al-Sabah said the Gulf states were willing to accept the current de facto premium of \$1.50 a barrel and appeared to indicate they would accept an even lower level. "We in the Gulf have accepted that the lighter crudes will be only \$1 to \$1.50, higher than the marker crude, at least for the time being," he told reporters.

Informal consultations were continuing Sunday among delegates already in London from several member-states.

Sheikh Al-Sabah said the price issue had been essentially resolved. The official price would be moving down to about \$30 a barrel, he added.

In Caracas, Venezuelan President Luis Herrera Campins also said OPEC was likely to cut prices by up to \$4 a barrel. It would be the first such cut in the official OPEC price since the organization was founded 23 years ago, Algerian Oil Minister Belkacem Nabi said earlier.

divided with the balance of power held by the small Democratic Party which is sympathetic to most Labor policies.

Questioned on foreign policy, he said Bill Hayden, the man he replaced as Labor leader a month ago on the day Fraser called the snap election, would be foreign minister.

One of his priorities would be to establish a good working relationship with the Indonesian government as soon as possible, he said, and Hayden would make an early visit to Jakarta. The Labor Party has condemned Indonesia's annexation in 1975 of the former Portuguese colony, East Timor, but Hawke said: "We will be trying to re-establish strong constructive relations with Indonesia."

He said he foresaw no problems in continuing close relations with the United States, particularly over the use of Australian bases by American forces. "The current situation will remain," Hawke said. He also said he had no immediate plans to withdraw a small Australian contingent from the Sinai peacekeeping force but said the matter would be reviewed because it was not run by the United Nations.

New Labor government must soon grapple with some tough policy decisions on the economy, defense and industrial relations.

Political analysts said these decisions would provide a stern test for the hard-won reputation of Hawke as a pragmatist. Labor's toughest decisions concern the economy, which has been stalled by the worldwide recession and must be revived if Hawke is to keep his campaign promises of lowering inflation and unemployment.



Fraser... outgoing Hawke... incoming

GCC states' citizens to carry unified passport

JEDDAH, March 6 (Agencies) — Nationals of Arabian Gulf Cooperation Council states will soon be holding a unified passport. The commanders of passport and visa departments of the GCC states have already agreed on the design and contents of the travel document.

Kuwaiti sources said that a recommendation concerning such passport has been submitted to the GCC interior ministers' conference. The passport will bear the name and emblem of the country of origin along with the expression GCC member state. Green color will be used for ordinary passports and black for diplomatic passports. Brown will be for special passports and dark blue for nationals on official missions.

Meanwhile, GCC aviation officials will hold a conference in Muscat, March 12, to examine the possibility of setting up a supreme aviation council. Executives of GCC airline companies and travel agencies will

also discuss the intensification of air transport and the establishment of an air transport company for businessmen and nationals with a special tariff for travel within the GCC area.

In Manama, the Bahraini Information Minister Tariq Al-Moayyed was quoted as saying that the Gulf region is now able to play a bigger Arab information role because it was free of press recriminations among Arab countries because of political differences.

He told *Al-Ahram* newspaper the GCC member states had unified their foreign information policy even before establishing the council.

Moayyed said the Arab information media should ignore Arab disputes at least at the current stage. This is the least they can do, he added. He expressed hope that the next phase would lead to more information coordination by the Arab countries particularly after the positive atmosphere created by the Arab Fez summit.

Inaugurated by Naif

Industrial security seminar begins

RIYADH, March 6 (SPA) — Interior Minister Prince Naif Sunday morning opened the three-day Seminar on Industrial Security. The prince is also the chairman of the Higher Committee on Industrial Safety. More than 150 specialists from 60 industrial safety departments throughout the Kingdom are taking part in the seminar, the first of its kind in Saudi Arabia.

In a speech on the occasion, Prince Naif highlighted the importance of industrial security and said that the seminar provided a good opportunity to exchange views and fully understand the meaning of industrial security. He said that industrial safety and security could not be dissociated and are of the utmost importance for any industry anywhere in the world.

The prince called on the specialists attending the seminar to discuss industrial security objectively and to adopt pragmatic decisions to this effect. He said we should rely on God and on ourselves in this matter.

He noted that the Interior Ministry preoccupied itself with the issue long ago and thought that the highest interest should be attached to the industrial security and safety question, hence the establishment of special bodies in industrial establishments.

Prince Naif said the King ordered four years ago the creation of the industrial security committee made up of the Interior Ministry, the Ministry of Defense and Aviation, the National Guard, the Ministry of Petroleum and Mineral Resources and all the authorities concerned.

Sattam launches Riyadh Tree Week

RIYADH, March 6 (SPA) — Riyadh Deputy Governor Prince Sattam Sunday morning opened the sixth Tree Week here. He also distributed prizes to the best farmers and the owners of model gardens in the area.

After planting the first tree, Prince Sattam said he was honored by the occasion. He dwelt on the importance of planting trees throughout Saudi Arabia and here in particular. He added that the participation of all government departments, university students and boy scouts in the campaign showed the

growing public awareness in Saudi Arabia of the importance of plants in people's life.

Prince Sattam called upon Saudis not to take care of trees only during afforestation campaigns, but always to do so, because of the desert nature of the country and the physiological advantages of trees. He pointed out that trees will check the desertification process or advance of sands in some areas, reduce the thrust of sandy winds in villages and soften the climate, besides their aesthetic qualities.

Majed to open Jeddah Tree Week

By Habib Rahman
Arab News Staff

JEDDAH, March 6 — Makkah Governor Prince Majed will inaugurate the fourth annual "Tree Planting Week" Wednesday morning at Balad Municipality, a Jeddah sub-municipality.

Engineer Ali Muhammad Sabha, director of the Central Agriculture Department of Jeddah Municipality, told *Arab News* that during the week more than 10,000 students will plant 50,000 saplings of different varieties.

The planting areas will include roadsides as well as gardens, he said, adding that during the last three years more than 22,000 saplings were planted.

During the current Tree Planting Week, Prince Majed will also inaugurate an exhibition of agricultural produce and equipment, in which 12 establishments of the city will participate.



Prince Majed

Salman opens Spanish exhibit today

By Suresh Shah
Arab News Staff

JEDDAH, March 6 — Over 250 exhibitors will display various equipment and consumer items at the Spanish Product Exhibition 1983 scheduled to be inaugurated by Riyadh Governor Prince Salman ibn Abdul Azziz at Al Dhiafa Exhibition Center in Riyadh Monday.

According to Spanish Embassy Commercial Counselor Juan A. Pelaez, a high-level delegation from Spain, headed by Deputy Minister of Commerce Luis Velasco Rami will visit the Kingdom on this occasion and meet with many ministers and officials.

He told *Arab News* the National Institute for Industry will participate in the industrial and consumer product show and its vice president, Julian Garcia Valverde, will arrive to meet representatives of the Saudi Arabian port authorities and other officials.

The show covers every facet of Spanish industry: heavy equipment and machinery, cosmetics, shipping industry, food products, petrochemicals and sports equipment, he said.

The National Institute for Industry will hold an introductory function at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Riyadh Tuesday while furniture manufacturers and decorators will have a special function at the exhibition pavilion on March 9. The Spanish naval division will have a special program in Jeddah on March 10.

Reports on Africa pipeline denied

JEDDAH, March 6 — A senior oil ministry official has denied news agency allegations that Saudi Arabia was planning to build a pipeline for the shipment of Saudi crude oil across Africa to the United States and Europe.

Fahd Al-Kharyal, undersecretary of the Ministry of Petroleum and Mineral Resources for technical affairs, told *Okaz* Sunday that it would be illogical to take such a step.

Kharyal, in the meantime, expressed optimism that member states of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) may reach a consensus on prices. He



Juan A. Pelaez

Pelaez said the trade between the two countries has grown considerably in the last few years. The joint economic commission was set up between the two countries in 1977, following the visit of Spain's King Juan Carlos to Saudi Arabia.

Saudi Arabia is the largest single oil supplier to Spain, meeting nearly 30 percent of its requirement, followed by Mexico. Its imports from the Kingdom totaled \$3.51 billion in 1981 against \$3.16 billion the previous year. In the first six months of last year imports were worth \$1.61 billion, he added.

Spanish exports to the Kingdom mainly consist of cement, steel, textiles and building materials. The exports totaled \$506.23 million in 1981 against \$457.22 million in 1980. They were \$288.4 million during the first six months of last year, he said.

also said that there were indications that the oil situation of OPEC countries will improve.

The official said that Western countries were withholding their oil purchases to see, first, how the price situation will develop. This attitude will drain their reserves and improve the position of oil on international markets.

Kharyal said he personally ruled out the possibility that oil prices may drop below the \$30 per barrel levels. He added that "I do not at all think that oil prices may go down as low as \$27 per barrel." Without predicting any reconsideration of Nigeria's position, Kharyal said that the rest of OPEC states were, however, constituting a common front.

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Car phone numbers

JEDDAH — Car telephone numbers in Jeddah, Makkah and Taif will be changed, *Okaz* reported. Subscribers are invited to address themselves to the special service division of Saudi Telephone here for the formalities. Numbers beginning with 201 here will be changed to 610. In Makkah, 202 will become 510; and in Taif 203 will be turned to 710. Jeddah Saudi Telephone Director Wabed Kayyal said that the change of numbers was aimed at catering for future expansions in car phones and in private exchanges whose number will soon reach 18,000.

National product sales

RIYADH (SPA) — The total sales of national products have reached nearly SR1,400 million (nearly \$400 million) this year, Commerce Undersecretary Dr. Abdul-Rahman Al-Zamil was quoted as saying in an interview. He told *Al-Jazirah* that national production had begun to impose itself in view of the large amount of sales and a big and noticeable development of national industries.

Swedish minister

JEDDAH (SPA) — Swedish Health Minister Gertrud Sigurdson will arrive in Saudi Arabia on Friday for a five-day visit. She will have talks with acting Health Minister Dr. Ghazi Algosabi on the possibility of Swedish participation in medical projects in the Kingdom. The Swedish minister will also tour a number of hospitals in Riyadh.

Arab labor conference

AMMAN (SPA) — Labor and Social Affairs Minister Ibrahim Al-Anqari is leading Saudi Arabia's delegation to the Arab Labor Ministers' Conference which opened here Sunday. The conference will work out a strategy for the development and easy flow of manpower in the Arab world.

Subarto's stand praised

JEDDAH (SPA) — Muslim World League (MWL) Secretary-General Sheikh Muhammad Ali Al-Harkan has praised Indonesian President Suharto's stand to allow the league to distribute copies of the Holy Qur'an to Indonesian Muslims.

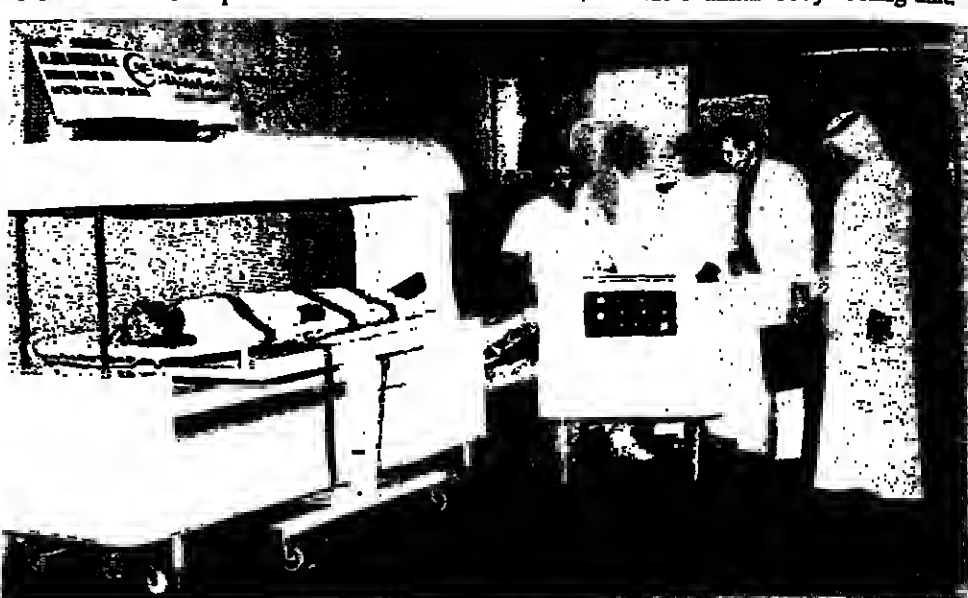
Seminar prescribes remedies for victims of heat stroke

By Suresh Shah
Arab News Staff

JEDDAH, March 6 — Successful management of heat stroke cases requires early detection, prompt diagnosis, prompt physiological cooling, continuous monitoring, frequent physical examination, meticulous respiratory care and fluid replacement in the comatose patient.

This was revealed in a joint paper read out by Dr. Mustafa Khogali, Dr. H. Elsayed, Dr. M. Amar, Dr. S. Sayad, Dr. A. Mutwally and Dr. S. El-Habashi of the Kingdom's Ministry of Health and the Faculty of Medicine at Kuwait University. The paper on "management and therapy regimen during cooling and in the recovery room at the different centers" was read at the third session of the Heat Stroke and Temperature Regulation Workshop, organized by the Ministry of Health at the Jeddah Meridian Hotel here.

They stated that heat stroke treatment centers are established in Arafat, Mina, Alzahr, Agiad and Alshisha hospitals in Makkah and the King Hospital in Madinah. The results of management based on the mortality rates of 1982 varied significantly from 4.7 percent in Agiad; 7.5 percent in Arafat; 9.5 percent in Mina; 13.4 percent in Alshisha; 14 percent in Madinah to 18.4 percent in Alzahr.



COOLING UNIT: A cooling unit for treatment of sunstroke victims displayed at the Heat Stroke and Temperature Regulation Workshop now in progress at the Jeddah Meridian Hotel.

Midair miscarriage for Saudi woman

PRESTWICK, Scotland, March 6 (AP) — A chartered flight from Houston, Texas to Amsterdam made an emergency landing at Prestwick Airport Saturday when a 19-year-old Saudi Arabian woman who was expecting twins had a miscarriage.

A spokesman for TransAmerican Airlines said Boeing 747, chartered by the Aramco Oil Company, diverted to Scotland after Fiza Darham, who was 21 weeks pregnant, complained she was feeling unwell.

An American passenger with medical experience nursed her until the plane

touched down. Mrs. Darham of Al Khobar, Saudi Arabia, was taken to Irvine Central Hospital in this Scottish coastal city.

A hospital spokesman said she had lost the twins. "She is now resting and her condition is stable. We are hoping she may be fit enough by tomorrow to continue her journey home," the spokesman said.

Chinese official set to discuss oil supply

TAIPEI, March 6 (CNA) — Chen Yao-sheng, general manager of the Chinese Petroleum Corp., has left Taipei on a visit to Saudi Arabia. Chen will meet with Saudi Arabian officials to discuss oil supply to the Republic of China.

On future oil imports, CPC indicated it will continue to buy the majority through long-term contracts.

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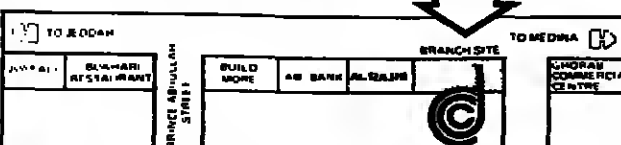


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Briefed on PNC session

Fahd assures Arafat of complete support

RIYADH, March 6 (SPA) — Yasser Arafat, the chairman of the Executive Committee of the Palestine Liberation Organization, has briefed King Fahd on the outcome of the latest session of the Palestine National Council held in Algiers recently.

Arafat told newsmen Saturday, that he reported to the King on the situation of Palestinians in the occupied territories in the light of the recent upsurge against the Zionist enemy. He also briefed King Fahd on the situation of the forces of renegade Lebanese Maj. Saad Haddad in southern Lebanon. He said that King Fahd reassured him of Saudi Arabia's all-out support for the just cause of the Palestinian people.

King Fahd reiterated Saudi Arabia's constant backing of the Palestinian people's struggle. Arafat said that he also reviewed with the King the issues that will be taken up at the nonaligned summit conference. He stressed that the Arab peace plan will be a basic component of the Palestinian and Arab

working paper to be submitted to the conference. Arafat said that agreement had been reached that the Arab seven-member committee should carry on its mission and intensify its activities.

Earlier in the day, Arafat reviewed with Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al-Faisal the current Arab situation and other issues of common interest.

The King also conferred here Saturday evening with Guinean President Ahmed Sekou Toure and the President of Guinea Bissau Gen. Nino Viera. The meeting was attended by Crown Prince Abdullah, the first deputy premier and commander of the National Guard. The two African leaders were earlier greeted at the airport by Riyadh Deputy Governor Prince Sattam when they arrived from Jeddah.

Later, King Fahd gave a dinner in honor of Presidents Toure and Viera. Arafat and Crown Prince Muhammad of Morocco who was met at the airport by Crown Prince Abdullah and Prince Sattam.

Saudi Arabia flag dubbed symbol of Muslim unity

By a Staff Writer

WASHINGTON, March 6 — The flag of Saudi Arabia is an appropriate symbol of the unity of Islam and the development of textiles in the Arab world, according to a noted art historian specializing in Islamic art.

Carol Bier, who teaches courses in Islamic art at Georgetown University in Washington and at the nearby University of Maryland, presented a slide show and lecture on textiles in Saudi Arabia at the textile museum in Washington recently.

"The flag of Saudi Arabia, itself a textile, bears an inscription attesting to the unity of Islam", Bier explained. "Its green color is associated with the Prophet and the calligraphy is a major Islamic art form — design without the use of human shapes."

Bier's lecture was one of a series of events planned by the textile museum in conjunction with the exhibit, "Traditional Crafts of Saudi Arabia." The guest speakers, films and musical programs designed to augment the audience appreciation of craft items on display at the textile museum are being widely attended, according to a museum spokesman. Audiences with no background on the Arab world participate in question and answer sessions with representatives of the diplomatic community, historians, and retired foreign service officials who have been exposed to Islamic culture.

The positive response to the textile exhibit is symptomatic of increased public interest in both historic and modern aspects of Islamic culture. Library study sessions with guest lecturers and recommended booklists are also popular in the Washington area.

"The fact that these events are well attended is very gratifying," says Naomi Collins, a spokesperson for Islam Centennial Fourteen. Ms. Collins explained that Professor Bier is scheduled to present a series of five programs in conjunction with Islam Centennial Fourteen and the Enoch Pratt Public Library of Baltimore, Maryland. She will lecture and present films on the Islamic world in a study series financed by the Maryland Committee of the Humanities.

Totaling 65 million tons

Kingdom's imports up 21%

JEDDAH, March 6 — The Kingdom's imports rose by 21 percent in the Islamic year 1402, which ended on Oct. 17, 1982, over the previous Islamic year, according to the latest issue of *Saudi Business*.

Quoting the statistics recently released by the Saudi Ports Authority, the economic weekly said that the Kingdom imported nearly 65 million freight tons of goods during the Islamic year. While large increases were recorded for nearly every major import category, the growth of domestic production was reflected in relative slowdowns for some commodities.

Foodstuff tonnage increased by 12 percent from 10,660,835 tons in 1401 to 11,916,964 in 1402, while construction material imports multiplied by 20 percent from 22,066,418 to 26,419,711 tons during the same period.

Imports of vehicles recorded a 42 percent increase in tonnage from 6,127,981 to 9,689,808, but in terms of units, the increase was only 25 percent, from 387,367 to 482,989. Livestock imports showed the highest percentage increase in tonnage, 43 percent, from 746,673 to 1,070,005, but in terms of livestock, the increase was 22 percent for sheep and goats, 39 percent for cattle, calves and horses, and 38 percent for camels.

The import of general cargo went up by 29 percent, from 12,319,786 to 15,842,557 tons. But Equipment imports declined by 11 percent from 2,150,685 to 1,917,706 tons.

Heavy livestock imports were accompanied by import jumps for such feedstuff as maize (19 percent) and barley (20 percent), a clear indication of the growing number of sheep and cattle farms in the Kingdom.

The Saudi Arabian Agricultural Bank lent SR89 million to 14 sheep and cattle farms with a production capacity of 324,895 heads per year in 1401-02 alone. The relatively small increase in imports of reefer and chilled cargo (11 percent) may also reflect the Kingdom's growing ability to produce its own meat.

Imports of wheat and flour in 1402 increased by only nine percent, also reflecting greater self-reliance. Wheat production in the Kingdom has skyrocketed from about 3,000 tons in 1977 to some 400,000 tons in 1982.

Among the construction materials, cement import went up marginally by seven percent due to enhanced production in the Kingdom, while steel (up by 33 percent), timber (up by 31 percent) and other building materials (up by 29 percent) showed substantial increases.



MEETS ARAFAT: King Fahd during his meeting Saturday with PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat. Arafat briefed the King on the results of the Palestine National Council's session held in Algiers recently.

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Iranian attacks doomed to failure, Saddam says

BAGHDAD, March 6 (Agencies) — Iraqi President Saddam Hussein said that any new Iranian attack in the Gulf war was doomed to failure and called on Iranians to press their leaders not to miss a chance for "peace with honor."

President Saddam delivered a similar warning on Feb. 6, the day before Iran launched a major offensive on the Iraqi border province of Missan. Iraq said it crushed that attack.

In a "letter to the Iranian people," President Saddam said Saturday any attack, whether in the Al-Shib area or other sectors of Missan province, "will be doomed to failure and the aggressors will be destroyed and annihilated."

This week Iraq reported air raids on Iranian troop concentrations opposite Missan — a tactic previously used by Iraq to prevent an expected Iranian advance.

In his 45-page letter, President Saddam said Iraq had learned that "some adventurist elements in the Iranian Army believe that they will be able to achieve a victory that will reinforce their chances to seize power in Iran." But he said he was confident that Iran could only sort to a long war of attrition to achieve its goals in the 30-month-old conflict.

President Saddam called on Iranians to make sure that their rulers did not miss what he called an opportunity for peace with honor according to the various proposals of the United Nations, the Organization of Islamic

Conference and the nonaligned movement. Efforts by all these organizations failed to stop the war and a senior Iranian official recently called for the conflict to be settled on the battlefield.

Meanwhile, Iranian News Agency quoted President Khomeini as saying "much work is yet to be done in the war fronts, since Iraq is still holding Iranian territory, including Nafatshahr and other regions, which makes Iran shoulder a great responsibility."

IRNA said Ayatollah Khomeini also received Saturday the chief of staff of the Iranian armed forces Gen. Qassem Ali Zahernejad, who presented a report on "the status in the war fronts" and informed the ayatollah on "the high morale of the army, Revolutionary Guards and other combatants."

In another development, envoys from Iraq and Iran met separately with Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko Saturday night in Moscow for talks on the Gulf war, the official Soviet news agency Tass reported. The agency said he told Iraqi ambassador the war served only the interests of "imperialist forces."

Gromyko also had a frank conversation with the charge d'affaires of the Iranian Embassy, expressing the hope a settlement could be found, the agency said.

The Soviet Union and its East European allies have remained neutral in the war and maintained relations with both countries.

Turkey planning to regulate parties

ANKARA, March 6 (R) — Turkey's ruling generals begin studying proposed laws this week on regulating political parties when elected government is restored late this year or early in 1984.

As in all other major decisions since they seized power amid political violence and turmoil in September 1980, the generals will have the last word on this key issue.

Draft party laws drawn up by a constitutional committee of the military-appointed National Consultative Assembly were passed by the assembly in altered form last week.

The five generals on the Ruling National Security Council (NSC) will now consider both the original draft and the amended proposals before settling on a final version which will become law.

It is not clear how long they will take, but, as several newspaper commentators have pointed out, time is running short if the generals are to keep to their own timetable.

The NSC has said that general elections will be held this autumn, barring unforeseen circumstances, leaving only a few months for new parties to organize and for as yet undrafted election laws to be adopted.

Although the NSC has left open the option of postponing the elections until next spring, it has been widely assumed here in political and press circles that elections will be held in October or possibly November.

All political activity was banned after the coup, limiting those now planning to form new parties to shady, behind-the-scenes maneuvers, and some of the strictures that will govern them in the future are already clear.

Under a new constitution adopted last year, the ruling party in parliament will not

have a monopoly of power as the leader of the coup, Gen. Kenan Evren, has been confirmed in a national referendum as president for seven years with wide executive power.

Draft articles accepted by the consultative assembly and virtually certain to be confirmed by the NSC include a ban on any future criticism by any party of the 1980 military takeover.

The draft also reaffirms articles in the new constitution barring about 100 former party leaders, including former prime ministers Suleyman Demirel and Bulent Ecevit, from politics for 10 years.

The constitutional committee and the assembly also agreed that no new party should have any public link with parties abolished after the coup, such as Demirel's Justice Party and Ecevit's Republican People's Party.

But despite the generals' stated intention to make a complete break with the past, political sources predict that the new parties will be dominated by reincarnations of these two organizations.

The draft also bans parties based on Communist, fascist, religious, separatist or anarchist lines, proposes restrictions on party fund raising and bars academics, people convicted of political crimes, students, civil servants, the judiciary and the military from party membership.

The prospect of elections has caused much jostling for position by politicians bidding for future power, prompting the NSC to issue a sharp reminder that such activities are still illegal.

Ecevit has issued an angry statement accusing people of claiming his support without permission.

Mubarak upholds Palestine cause

CAIRO, March 6 (Agencies) — President Hosni Mubarak reaffirmed Egypt's support for the Palestine cause, but also its commitment to the Camp David peace agreements with Israel.

His statement, on the eve of his departure to New Delhi for the nonaligned summit, was his first reaction to a resolution by the Palestine National Council (PNC) which linked restoring relations with Cairo on its abandoning the Camp David accords.

"Egypt offered and has not stopped giving sacrifices for the Palestine cause," Mubarak said. The president, quoted by Information Minister Sawwat Sherif told parliamentarians the Camp David agreements contained a framework for solving the Palestine problem.

Caucus participants said Mubarak reaffirmed commitment to Camp David and told them that if he were to renounce it, "I would be accused of liquidating the Palestinian problem. Israel would say Camp David was the only valid document. Israel would like me to abrogate Camp David."

He took issue with the PNC for urging the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) to promote ties with "Egypt's nationalist forces," a term usually interpreted here as a reference to opposition parties which denounced the Camp David accords.

"All Egypt's 45 million people are nationalist forces who served the Palestine cause," Mubarak said. He said his recent tour

of the United States, Canada, Britain and France had been for the sake of the Palestine issue. Egypt had supported Lebanon during the Israeli invasion last June and had tried to help Palestinians besieged in Beirut, he added.

Mubarak criticized a trend of outrightly rejecting U.S. peace initiative.

The Egyptian leader has repeatedly said President Reagan's Middle East initiative launched last year, could serve as a basis for peace negotiations. The Reagan plan called for Palestinian self-rule on the West Bank in association with Jordan. But the PNC has rejected it as unsuitable for a permanent solution of the Palestinian problem.

He warned the PLO that time was running out for peace negotiations on the basis of the Reagan initiative "because two months from now and until the end of 1984 President Reagan will devote himself to the presidential election campaign and in the meantime Israel is building settlements in the West Bank and Gaza at a very high rate," Sherif said. "The Israeli aim is to turn the Palestinians into guests on their own land — a minority," Mubarak said.

Mubarak expressed determination to pursue an equitable Palestinian settlement "to the very end," despite PLO hostility to Egypt. But he ruled out any strong PLO presence in Egypt.

BRIEFS

BAHRAIN (R) — King Hussein of Jordan arrived in Muscat Saturday for talks with Sultan Qaboos ibn Said prior to his departure for New Delhi to take part in this week's nonaligned summit, the Oman Press Agency reported.

ABU DHABI (AFP) — Algerian President Chadli Benjedid arrived here Saturday for a visit to the United Arab Emirates on his way to the nonaligned conference in New Delhi.

KHARTOUM (R) — A high-ranking U.S. delegation Saturday pledged support for Sudan's leaders and the country's development programs during a meeting with President Jafar Numeiri, the official Sudan News Agency (SUNA) reported.

KHARTOUM (AP) — Liberian leader Samuel Doe arrived here Saturday on a one-day visit for talks with President Jafar Numeiri on bilateral, regional and international issues.

KHARTOUM (AFP) — A 60-member bureau of the Sudanese Socialist Union was set up this weekend to control the activities of the country's only political party.

TEHRAN (AFP) — The commander of the Iranian Revolutionary Guards stationed in Syria and Lebanon Sunday denied that Iranians had taken part in attacks on the

Lebanese Army in the Bekaa Valley on Friday.

DAMASCUS (R) — Delicate negotiations on an exchange of prisoners between Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) have been suspended, a senior PLO official said. The official, who declined to be identified, said contacts which the PLO had been holding with Israel through the Austrian government and the International Committee of the Red Cross had "stumbled and stopped."

CAIRO (AP) — Three hundred members of the Jihad group, on trial for attempting to overthrow the government following the assassination of President Anwar Sadat, on Saturday commemorated the first anniversary of the announcement of the verdict against the Sadat assassins.

TEL AVIV (AP) — Israel television and radio have been ordered to stop referring to "personalities in the PLO" in newscasts because "the term has positive connotations."

TEL AVIV (AP) — Police arrested two persons Saturday after about 200 Israelis gathered in the occupied West Bank town of Hebron to protest Jewish settlers harassing the local Arab population, Israel radio reported.

Damascus affirms

Syrians man SAM bases

DAMASCUS, March 6 (AP) — A top Syrian official said Saturday that Syrian officers controlled the new long-range Soviet SAM-S missile bases despite the presence of "Soviet experts" in the country.

Ahmad Iskander Ahmad, minister of information and a close adviser to President Hafez Assad, told the Associated Press the new anti-aircraft missiles that can strike at planes over Israel were defensive weapons.

U.S. officials have claimed the introduction of thousands of Soviet military technicians threatened the stability of the region and made Syria "another outpost of the Soviet empire."

But Iskander rejected the idea that the two existing missile sites were run exclusively by Soviet troops as claimed by Israel.

"Any weapon which we buy is a Syrian weapon and an Arab weapon," he said in an interview. "Syrian soldiers are in command of any weapon in its hands, now or in the future."

The Syrian cabinet minister indirectly confirmed the presence of Soviet technicians, which Western diplomats here now estimate to number nearly 4,500. "It is no secret that we have Soviet experts for the Euphrates River dam, agriculture projects and with our army battalions," he said.

The minister said new weaponry was needed because "Israel is pushing the area to the edge of war. They are threatening the security and peace of the world, not only the Arabs."

Diplomatic sources who declined to be identified suggested the introduction of the missiles appeared to be more of a political than a military threat. These sources suggest the Soviets are moving to step up support to Syria to preserve their role in the Middle East and to restore their credibility with the Arabs after Soviet weapons lost out badly to Israel's U.S.-made arsenal in the Lebanon war last summer.

Iskander said that the new missiles, deployed outside the Soviet Union for the first time, were defensive rather than offensive despite their ability to reach targets over Tel Aviv or the U.S. 6th Fleet in the Mediterranean.

"Such missiles can't be used unless there is a fighting plane in the air. Is this offensive? Unless there is an Israeli plane in the sky, how can we shoot it down?" Iskander said, adding "we will defend our sky and land. We will defend ourselves."

Diplomatic sources said the missiles, which have a range of about 250 kilometers and can hit planes at up to 100,000 feet, arrived at the Syrian port of Tartus from the Soviet Union on Jan. 9 and were trucked to two sites — one at Dumayr 50 kilometers east of Damascus and the other near the industrial city of Homs 140 kilometers north of Damascus.

Iskander rejected the idea that the increased Soviet military presence signalled increased Soviet influence over Syrian policymaking. "The Soviets are faithful friends of the Arabs and don't interfere in interior policy. They are backing and supporting the free will and independence of the Arabs," he said.

Diplomats here suggest the U.S. administration is concerned that the new Soviet weaponry will increase Syria's confidence to the point where Assad's government will harden its positions on withdrawing its forces from Lebanon and discussing President Ronald Reagan's plan for an overall peace in the Middle East.

Cold wave sweeps Lebanon, Jordan

BEIRUT, March 6 (AFP) — The Middle East is again in the grip of cold weather with renewed snowfalls and rain bringing everything to a standstill, particularly in Lebanon and Jordan.

In Lebanon roads were impassable above 800 meters after a heavy snow. Rain and melting snow has swollen the rivers. Several have burst their banks in the south, forcing the evacuation of hundreds of homes.

A bridge connecting the southern port of Sidon with the Shouf mountains east of here is completely under water.

At the southern exit of the city a landslide has rendered roads impassable.

The situation could be catastrophic if the bad weather continued for several days. Civil

defense teams were busy warning people who live near rivers to leave their homes for higher ground.

In Jordan one person has died and another is missing since the bad weather began Saturday.

The capital was under a thick blanket of snow. All roads out are blocked and most schools are shut. However torrential rains caused severe flooding in nearby valleys, with 1,000 homes affected.

Weathermen expected the cold front to persist for at least another 24 hours. The number of snow storms (three in two weeks) is exceptional, with Amman under snow for two months.

Pakistan, Niger seek nuclear tie-up

ISLAMABAD, March 6 (Agencies) — Niger's President Col. Seyni Kountche said here that his country, a major uranium producer, intends stepping up cooperation with Pakistan in the nuclear field.

Col. Kountche, here on a two-day visit prior to attending the nonaligned summit in New Delhi, praised Pakistan's ability to exploit uranium for peaceful purposes through research institutions and engineering.

He told a press conference Saturday that Niger would like its people to be trained in Pakistan in nuclear skills so that "one day we can use our own resources the way Pakistan does."

Pakistan, which so far mines little of its own uranium reserves, has been criticized in some quarters abroad for trying to develop nuclear weapons. However, Pakistani officials strongly reject the charge and insist their nuclear program is solely for peaceful purposes.

In another development, President Gen. Muhammad Zia ul-Haq named three new ministers, it was officially announced here. The nominations for the education, northern areas and Kashmir affairs, and railroad minis-

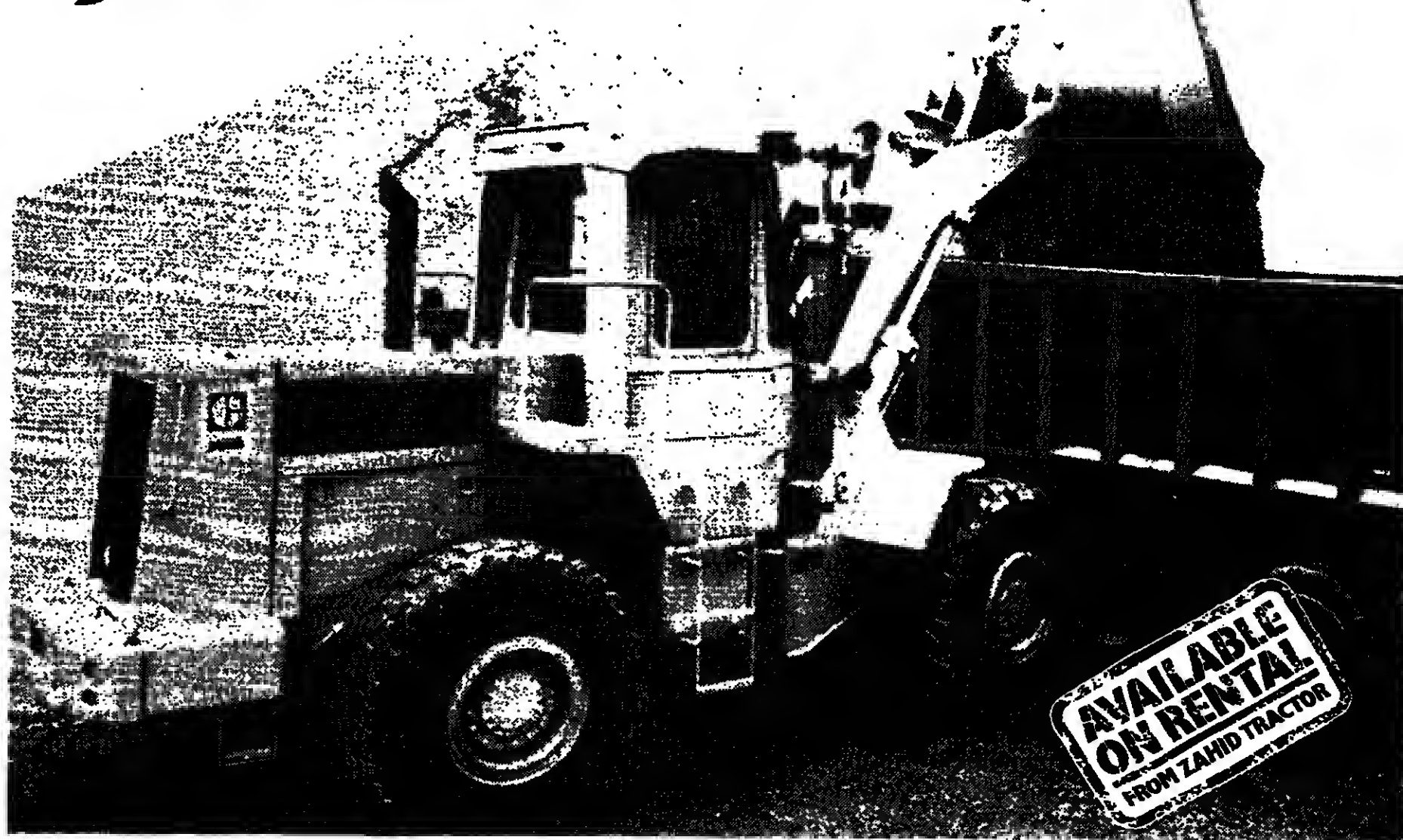
Israeli doctors renew strike

TEL AVIV, March 6 (R) — Israel's government-employed doctors renewed their general strike Sunday after weekend negotiations with employers broke down.

The 8,500 doctors are demanding 100 percent increases for physicians in government hospitals and health fund clinics. They claim their pay of 14,000 to 22,000 shekels (\$370 to \$580) is below the average monthly wage of 23,000 shekels (\$600).

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Taiwan bedevils ties with China -- Shultz

SAN FRANCISCO, March 6 (AFP) — U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz Saturday praised the "constructive role" played by China in Southeast Asia but added that "frustrations and problems," particularly over Taiwan, continued to trouble Sino-American relations.

At a dinner given by the San Francisco International Affairs Council in honor of Middle East special envoy Philip Habib, Shultz said: "Progress in U.S.-Chinese relations need not come at the expense of our other friends in the region, including our close unofficial relationship with the people of Taiwan."

Nevertheless the secretary of state said he hoped the United States and China would build "a long-term, enduring and constructive relationship."

Shultz, who toured Japan, China, South

Korea and Hong Kong from Jan. 31 to Feb. 10, insisted that "the extension of economic and political freedom is of essential importance to the region's future" and that "the United States has both vital interests and a unique and critical role to play in the area."

Shultz stressed that "nations of the region are aware of the keen threat to the region's security posed by the Soviet Union and its clients" and said he was pleased to note the democratic progress made by Indonesia, Malaysia and South Korea.

As a great power, we have great responsibilities. We have borne them well and we must continue to do so. In Asia as in the rest of the world, there remains a threat that only the United States can meet," Shultz said.

He restated the U.S. position that any redeployment of Soviet SS-20 medium-range nuclear missiles from Europe to the Far East was unacceptable to Washington.

Spaniards oppose abortion

MADRID, March 6 (Agencies) — An estimated 200,000 persons gathered Saturday in an upper-class neighborhood in this Spanish capital to protest a Socialist-sponsored bill that would permit therapeutic abortion under very limited circumstances.

Organizers from the newly formed National Pro-Life Commission said the purpose of their so-called "oon-political" rally was to give Spaniards an opportunity to "express publicly their overwhelming support for life."

Police did not make estimates of the size of the crowd in front of the Santiago Bernabeu Stadium, off Paseo de la Castellana, Madrid's

main artery. Many at the rally were in their early teens and twenties, wearing armbands and stickers saying "yes to life" or "I love life," or "abortion is murder."

One sticker showed the Socialist symbol — a clenched fist holding a rose — transformed into a clenched fist squeezing blood out of a baby.

The Socialist majority government of Prime Minister Felipe Gonzalez plans to introduce legislation in parliament in June modifying the 1944 penal code that provides up to six years in prison for a woman who undergoes an abortion as well as for the person who performs it.

Salvador leftists free U.S. reporter

SAN SALVADOR, March 6 (AP) — American reporter Michael Luhan, held for three weeks by leftist guerrillas, surfaced Saturday at a Salvadoran Army post, saying he had been released by his captors, the U.S. Embassy reported.

The embassy said Luhan, 30, of Bloomington, Indiana, was unhurt but tired, covered with mosquito bites and had lost weight during his long trek with the guerrillas.

Officials said Luhan, a free-lance reporter for the *Dallas Morning News*, was left by guerrillas in a small town north of the capital after telling his guerrilla captors he was too tired to march any further.

Two Swedish journalists who disappeared with him on Feb. 14 are reportedly still with the rebels because they were afraid of army reprisals against them if they left the guerrillas on their own.

Opposition urges new Senegal poll

DAKAR, March 6 (AFP) — Senegal's main opposition party, which won only eight out of 120 seats in last week's parliamentary and presidential elections, called Saturday for a new poll under impartial supervision and accused the ruling Socialist Party of President Abdou Diouf of having "pulled off a civilian electoral coup d'etat."

To a communiqué "rejecting totally and definitively" the election results, the

Senegalese Democratic Party, led by Abdoulaye Wade, reiterated that it would boycott the new parliament and would not recognize any government formed as a result of the elections.

The party said it would take its charges of electoral fraud to the Supreme Court and declared its support for peaceful protest against the government over the election.



CAMPAIGN POSTERS: The campaign for the Finnish general elections has started with the posters of the 10 parties appearing on the streets of Helsinki. The elections are scheduled for March 20 and 21.

They live quietly in W. Germany

The Nazis are not hiding

PARIS, March 6 — (AP) — The hunted Nazi war criminal lives on in the popular imagination, crouched in a remote South American jungle or a heavily guarded house constantly looking over his shoulder, switching identities, unable to rest even in old age.

The truth, according to Paris lawyer Serge Klarsfeld and others, is more prosaic, and more disturbing.

Klarsfeld, credited with helping track Klaus Barbie, the former Gestapo chief of Lyon, France, to Bolivia, says Barbie is an exception. The great majority of surviving Nazi war criminals, tried and convicted, live in West Germany in quiet retirement.

Periodic reports on the supposed whereabouts of Dr. Josef Mengele, the "angel of death" who experimented on humans at the Auschwitz concentration camp, capture the headlines.

At the same time, Dr. Horst Schumann, accused of castrating or sterilizing thousands of inmates at the same camp, lives quietly outside Frankfurt. He spent four years in jail awaiting trial for mass murder. But at 72, he was released and the charges dropped because of his age and health. He is 80 now. "He's out hiding. His name is on his front door: 'Dr. Horst Schumann,'" Klarsfeld said in an interview.

Most of the financiers who bankrolled the Third Reich and most of the industrialists who used millions of slave laborers to build war machinery and concentration camps never served a day in jail, according to Tom Bowler, author of the carefully documented book *Blind Eye to Murder*.

Instead they served the postwar effort to rebuild West Germany, either as top government officials or public-spirited captains of industry.

"A man like Barbie who was on the front-lines and has blood on his hands is an easy target," Bowler said in a telephone inter-

view from London. "But the men who sat behind the desks and gave the orders are the ones who got away with it, and they were much more responsible."

But many other "footnote" war criminals, including some of the most brutal, also escaped prosecution and pursued postwar careers in West Germany as doctors, lawyers, police officers and local government officials, both men say.

Depending on whom you listen to, 100,000 to 250,000 Germans and non-Germans participated directly in war crimes, and only 35,000 ever were convicted by allied postwar tribunals, an estimated 25,000 of whose convictions were by Yugoslav, Soviet and East German courts.

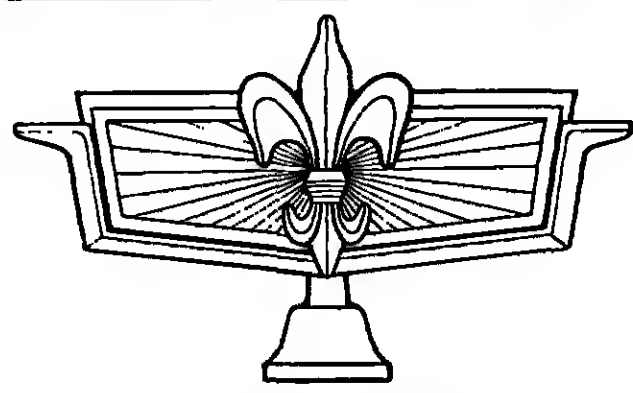
And the majority of the 5,025 persons convicted by French, American and British courts in the German occupation zones were back on the streets by the 1950s as a result of informal amnesties.

How did thousands get off lightly, or simply get off?

Tons of incriminating documents were destroyed before the allies could get to them; inexperienced lawyers were unsure what they were looking for; France, Britain and the United States did not always agree on the definitions of war crimes and criminals and the victorious powers, for a variety of reasons, wanted to close the book on Nazism and get on with business.

The biggest factor, according to most accounts, was the sharp shift of preoccupations from the World War to the Cold War. "The only winners in the Cold War were the Nazis," a Nazi-hunter said.

The reintegration of Nazis also was facilitated by West German politics, Bowers says. Conservative Chancellor Konrad Adenauer, determined to keep the West German Socialists out of power and turned to the only other cohesive force in Germany, the Nazis.



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Ignoring demands for a zone of peace

U.S. expands Diego Garcia base

PORT LOUIS, Mauritius, March 6 (ONS)

The United States is pressing ahead with the expansion of its top secret military base on the island of Diego Garcia, despite demands at the current summit in New Delhi of the nonaligned movement that the Indian Ocean should be declared a zone of peace.

The runway at Diego Garcia is being widened and extended to more than two miles to take B-52 nuclear bombers. A vast apron has been constructed to accommodate Boeing 707s converted for midair refueling. Inside the horseshoe-shaped lagoon, now used by U.S. Navy vessels, a deepwater quay is being constructed.

Frying outsiders are rigidly banned from Diego Garcia. Only U.S. military planes go

there, but a French Catholic priest, Alain Harel, has just returned to Mauritius after three weeks at the base. He told the Observer News Service: "There is enough work there to keep them busy for another five years."

But the Socialist government of Mauritius, which claims sovereignty over Diego Garcia, refuses to allow Mauritians to keep working at the base. The last are being withdrawn at the end of this month, leaving Filipinos hired by two U.S. military contractors to get on with the job. The Americans are sardonic about the Mauritian attitude. "OK, let them eat principles," said one U.S. diplomat.

Harel describes the Diego Garcia buildup as "most striking". Luxurious facilities have been put up for the 1,000 sailors and

Marines, including air-conditioned blocks of flats, a cinema, a supermarket and sporting facilities.

"These are in downtown Diego Garcia, at the northwest end of the horseshoe," said Harel. What impressed him most, coming from Mauritius, was "the colossal amount of food the Americans throw away."

Around the other side of the island there is a different scene, at the ghost village once occupied by more than a thousand Diego Garcians. "It was touching and sad to see it. In the houses there was some furniture — I even saw pairs of shoes, as though the owners may soon be returning. Of course, they never will."

Britain ordered out the villagers on Diego Garcia, and the inhabitants of other nearby islets — a total of 1,800 — after giving a 50-year lease to the Americans. That happened between 1965 and 1973. "The roofs of the houses are now starting to give way, and the gardens are completely overgrown," says Harel.

The British maintain a presence, a small company of Marines under a naval commander, and the British maintain control of immigration. Harel does not believe the United States will ever pull out.

There is no sign, according to Harel, of ground-based missiles but it is known that nuclear submarines use Diego Garcia.

One source has described seeing at Diego Garcia a four-deck assault ship, with one deck containing tanks.

The large Soviet Embassy in Mauritius is naturally showing intense interest in Diego Garcia. It recently hired two local journalists to interview returning workers about what they saw but the workers frustratingly talked only of the food and the air conditioning.

The British here are unhappy at the continuing rumour about Diego Garcia. Before the nonaligned meeting they put pressure on the prime minister, Dr. Anerood Jugnauth, to play it down. He is not obliging. Jugnauth said before leaving for New Delhi: "From what we learn, it is a nuclear base. I expect to have complete support at the meeting, especially from Mrs. Gandhi, for a call for the departure of the Americans and the return of the islands to us."

Japan empress turns 80

TOKYO, March 6 (AP) — Empress Nagako of Japan, long known as a poet, musician and artist, celebrated her 80th birthday Sunday.

Together with her husband Emperor Hirohito who will turn 82 in April, the imperial couple is the first pair to have attained 80 years of age in nearly 2,000 years of Japan's court history. They have been married for 59 years.

The empress has reduced her public appearances after a hip ailment she suffered in 1977, but she is in "stable condition" and in good health, according to imperial household agency officials.

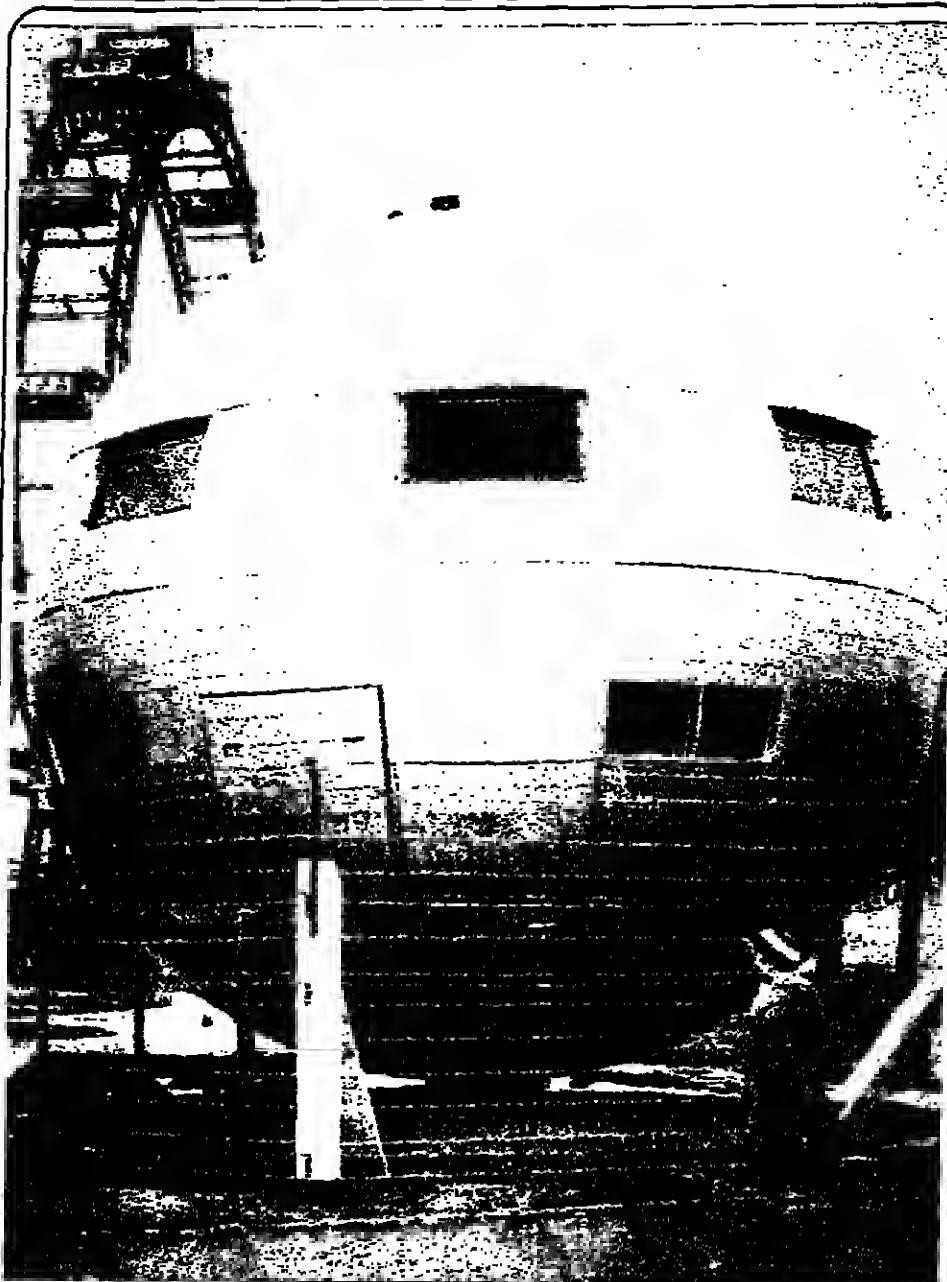
\$1m ransom sought for Venezuelan

SAN CRISTOBAL, Venezuela, March 6 (AFP) — Colombian guerrillas have demanded a million-dollar ransom for the life of an 11-year-old asthmatic Venezuelan child kidnapped here two weeks ago, police sources said this weekend.

Alex Landy Pellizari Fischer, son of a rich Italian immigrant, was seized on his way to school two weeks ago by a group of heavily armed masked men. The guerrillas, who have been active along the frontier between eastern Colombia and western Venezuela, reportedly threatened to "execute" the child if their demands were not met.

According to Colombian and Venezuelan security forces, the guerrillas belong to a faction of the Colombian Revolutionary Armed Forces (FARC) and are also holding five wealthy border-area ranchers for multimillion-dollar ransoms which the rebels call "war taxes" to finance their insurgency against the Colombian government.

According to sources close to the security forces, in the past two years the guerrillas have demanded ransoms totaling \$100 million, mostly for the release of cattle breeders, in order to equip themselves with modern arms.



ROUND HOUSE: It seems a round world in Vienna's Prater Amusement Park. Next to the giant Ferris Wheel, Edwin Lipburger rebuilt his round house which officials of a Lower Austrian province village ordered him to dismantle. In Vienna, Lipburger's round house will be opened as a cultural center this month. The wire fence around it is to prevent people trying to make it a more permanent home. The house, about eight meters in diameter, is anchored to the ground by a concrete pillar and could make a home for a complete family.

BRIEFS

PARIS (AFP) — The French women's liberation movement Sunday called here on women to stage "a guerrilla strike" on March 8, women's day. The unusual expression was thought to mean "harassment tactics." The organization asked that the demonstration be staged by each woman wherever she happened to be and in whatever form — "at home, with regard to household tasks, in social and professional life," suggesting that "March 8 should be to women what the first of May is to the workers."

MOSCOW (AFP) — The Soviet Union and Mozambique condemned what they said was the cooperation in nuclear weaponry between the Western powers and South Africa. A joint communique published at the end of a visit here by Mozambican President Samora Machel also blamed South Africa and its allies for the current tension in southern Africa and noted the "increased activity of imperialism" against the currently divided Organization of African Unity. The two countries reiterated their support for the liberation of Namibia from South African rule.

NICE, Southern France, (AFP) — A bust of the late Princess Grace of Monaco, stolen Wednesday night from where it stood between here and nearby Villefranche-Sur-Mer, has been recovered in a ravine. The bust was found Friday by its sculptor, Alexandre Mari, during a search of the nearby area. Made from glass fiber resin, it had been badly damaged by the fall down the rocky face. Police here believe the raiders expected the bust to be made of solid bronze, but threw it into the gully when they discovered their mistake.

LONDON (AP) — Actor David Niven is suffering from a rare nervous disease that progressively wastes the body's muscles and leaves its victims "weak and exhausted." The Mail on Sunday reported. In an article entitled "David Niven's secret battle," the paper identified the illness as motor neurone disease and quoted Dr. Frank Clifford Rose, a British specialist, as saying there is no cure.

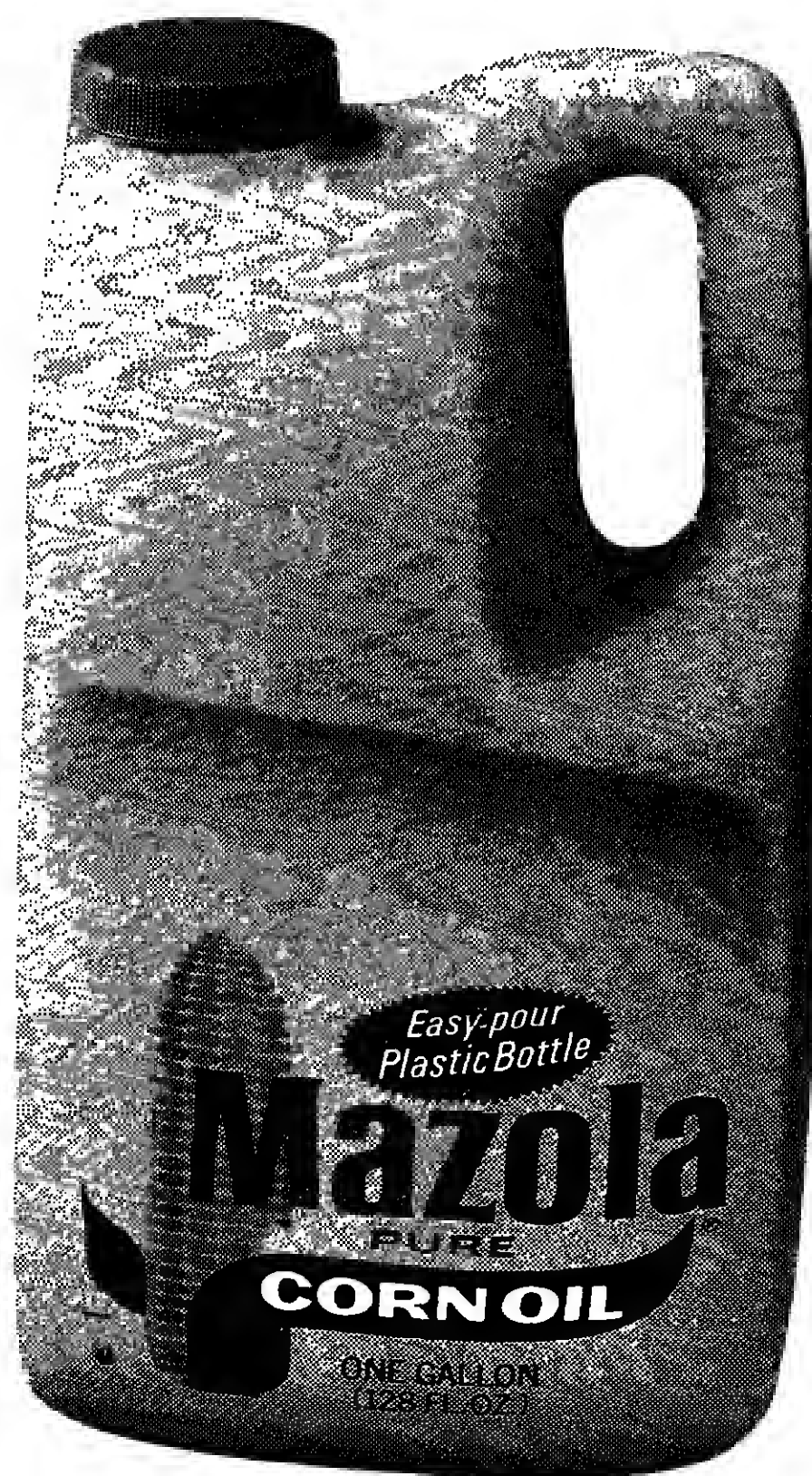
BILBAO, Spain, (AFP) — More than 20,000 persons participated in a demonstration here Sunday that started out as a march for sovereignty and democratic normalization in the Basque country but turned into a show of support for the Basque ETA-Military separatist organization, witnesses said. The demonstration was called by the Herri Batasuna Independence Coalition, the political wing of the ETA-M.

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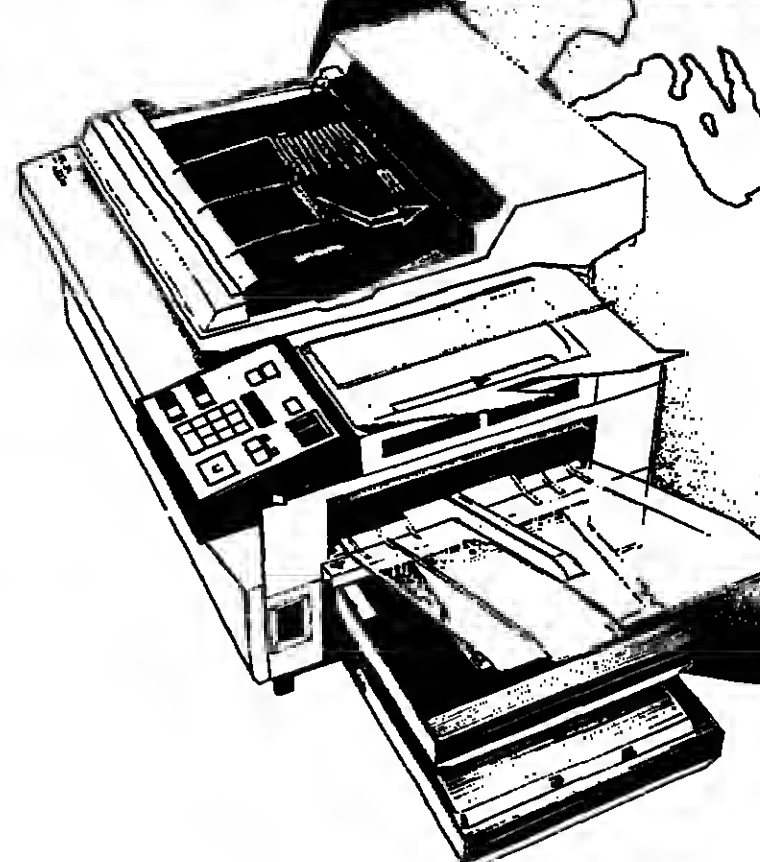
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As Vilas crushes McEnroe

U.S. falls at the first hurdle

BUENOS AIRES, March 6 (Agencies) — Argentina's No. 1 Guillermo Vilas delivered the killer blow to holders United States' hopes of retaining the Davis Cup when he crushed John McEnroe 6-4, 6-0, 6-1 in the first of the two reverse singles here Sunday.

The Argentina's victory, which sent the U.S. crashing out of the Davis Cup first round, gave Argentina an unassailable 3-1 lead after the Americans had kept their hopes alive by winning the doubles Saturday.

McEnroe and Peter Fleming, one of the world's best combinations, battled against the Vilas-José Luis Clerc combination before quelling the determined Argentinians after a marathon five-setter. The Americans won 2-6, 10-8, 6-1, 3-6, 6-1.

In the doubles, McEnroe dropped his opening service and two more service breaks followed. Clerc was the first to hold his service in the fourth game, helped by good smashes by Vilas playing close to the net. Fleming dropped his service and Argentina took the set 6-2.

Vilas faulted in the second set and had his service broken three times. But the Americans, with McEnroe dropping service twice, lost a 3-0 lead before clinching the set 10-8.

McEnroe and Fleming built a 5-0 third set lead, breaking Clerc for the first time in the match and winning 6-1 in only 30 minutes. McEnroe dropped his service and Argentina took a 3-0 lead in the fourth set and went on to win 6-3.

To the fifth and deciding set both sides again won most of their service games easily, but both Clerc and Vilas were broken once and this was enough to clinch a 6-1 set victory for the United States.

Adelaide: Australia made a late switch to their doubles pairing against Britain which paid off with a victory that clinched a place in the second round. Australia's Paul McNamee and Mark Edmondson beat John Lloyd and Andrew Jarrett 6-2, 9-11, 6-3, 6-2 to give their country a winning 3-0.

McNamee and Edmondson were paired together just hours before the vital third match after Australian captain Neale Fraser decided to include the former instead of John

Alexander, Lloyd and Jarrett were not Britain's original choice either. Captain Paul Hutchins dropped Buster Mottram after his poor showing against McNamee in the singles.

Melbourne: Anders Jarryd and Vats Wilander won the final singles matches in straight sets to complete a 5-0 shutout over Indonesia. Jarryd downed Justedjo Tarik 6-3, 6-1. Wilander, then whipped Indonesia's No. 1 Tintus Ariano Wibowo 6-3, 6-3.

Reggio Calabria: Italy edged Ireland 3-2

Davis Cup round-up



Vilas... deals killer blow

With Italy leading 2-1, Matt Doyle defeated Claudio Panatta of Italy 1-6, 6-3, 6-4, 6-4 to level scores, but then Corrado Barazzutti easily downed a tired and slow Sean Sorenson 6-0, 6-3, 6-3.

Moscow: Yannick Noah led France to a 4-1 victory the Soviet Union, giving France a spot in the second round playoffs. Noah needed only 47 minutes to rout Vadim Borisov in the first singles match Sunday, 6-2, 6-2. Konstantin Pugaev salvaged a point for the Soviets by defeating Henri Leconte, 10-8, 6-4, in the final singles.

Timisoara: Veteran tennis ace Ilie Nastase and his doubles partner Florin Segarceanu clinched Romania's place in the second round by beating Hans Gildemeister and Zelous Prajoux of Chile 6-3, 8-6, 6-4.

Christchurch: New Zealand completed a

5-0 win over Denmark, with Chris Lewis and Russell Simpson easily winning their reverse singles matches. Simpson crushed Peter Bastiansen 6-1, 6-2 and Lewis beat Michael Mortensen 11-9, 6-3 in matches reduced to the best-of-three sets.

Asuncion: Paraguay's Victor Pecci and Francisco Gonzalez scored a surprising 6-4, 6-4, 6-4 doubles victory over Czechoslovakia's Ivan Lendl and Tomas Smid to give their country a 2-1 lead.

Colombo: India reached the eastern zone semifinal when they beat Sri Lanka 4-1. The two sides split the reverse singles after India took a 3-0 winning lead. India's S. Vasudevan beat Frank Sebaratnam 6-1, 6-2, 6-0, while Jun Fernando of Sri Lanka beat Sashi Menoo 4-6, 2-1 (retired).

Taipei: Thailand won one of the two remaining singles matches to eliminate Taiwan 3-2. In the first match, Taiwan's top-ranked Wu Chang-yung outfought Thailand's top player Sombat Uammongkol 4-6, 6-4, 6-2, 4-6, 6-2 in a marathon lasting almost three-and-a-half hours. In the second match, Thailand's Nn. 2 Panomkorn Plachuanit beat Taiwan's second seed Hsu Huang-Yung 4-6, 6-4, 2-6, 6-1, 6-1.

Guayaquil: Ecuador took a winning 3-0 lead over the Caribbean when Andrés Gómez and Ricardo Icaza beat Stuart Sarnia and Leo Rolle 6-1, 6-0, 6-2.

Bogota: Brazil took an unbeatable 3-0 lead over Colombia in the American Zone when Marcos Hocevar and Joao Soares beat Javier Restrepo and Rene Gomez 6-1, 7-9, 7-5, 6-2 to ensure Brazil play the winners of the match between Uruguay and Mexico in the round.

Osaka: Japan beat China 3-2 to move into the semifinals of the Eastern Zone competition. The Japanese, rallying from the brink of defeat, won the last two reverse singles to oust China, taking part in the competition for the first time. Htish Shiroto clinched victory by beating China's Li Shiqin 6-2, 7-5, 6-4.

Seoul: South Korea beat the Philippines 4-1 and will play Japan next. South Korea suffered their first defeat when Filipino Virgilio Sisoo beat Kim Choo-ho 10-8, 6-3.



ON THE PODIUM: Stefano Tilli of Italy, flanked by German Christian Haas (left) and Russian Atanasov on the podium, acknowledges the cheers of the crowd after winning the 60-meter dash in the European Indoor Athletics Championship Saturday.

Martina ends King's scent of success, meets Chris next

INGLEWOOD, California, March 6 (AP) — Top-seeded Martina Navratilova and second-seeded Chris Evert Lloyd rolled to straight-set victories in Saturday's semifinals of the \$165,000 Carta Blanca FCT Invitational Women's Tennis Tournament.

Navratilova overwhelmed unseeded Billie Jean King 6-1, 6-3 in the afternoon, while Evert Lloyd downed third-seeded Andrea Jaeger 6-3, 6-2. Navratilova and Evert Lloyd will meet for the singles championship on Sunday.

Neither Navratilova nor Evert Lloyd has lost a set, much less a match, this year. Evert Lloyd took a 3-0 lead in the first set against Jaeger. However, Jaeger won the next three games before Evert Lloyd won the final four games of the second set before Evert Lloyd won the last four games to end the match.

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Hamburg crashes in W. German League

BONN, March 6 (Agencies) — The first two in the West German football Championship lost Saturday, while the third and fourth clubs won so now only one point separates the first four.

Leaders Hamburg, just three days after their splendid 3-0 win away in Dynamo Kiev in the European Cup quarterfinals, lost only their second league game this season, going down 2-0 at Arminia Bielefeld, for whom Grillemeier (23 min) and Pagelsdorf (86 min) scored.

Hamburg were on the same number of points as second-placed Bayern Munich but had a game in hand. Bayern lost, almost predictably, 1-0 away to Eintracht Frankfurt where they have not won in 13 years. Nickel scored for Frankfurt in the 22nd minute and Bayern captain Paul Breitner missed a penalty in the 77th minute.

The third club, Borussia Dortmund, also on 32 points, won 2-1 at Schalke 04 with two goals from their former Schalke winger Rüdiger Amramczik. Stuttgart, a point down in fourth place but with a game in hand, beat Karlsruhe 2-1 away.

In Kampala, Kampala City Council beat Horred of Somalia 2-0 in an Africa Cupwin-

Meanwhile, sixth-seeded Yvonne Vermaak of South Africa and unseeded Carling Bassett of Canada scored semifinal victories in the \$50,000 Congoleum Classic in Rancho Mirage.

Vermaak eliminated unseeded Michelle Torres 6-4, 6-3, while the 15-year-old Bassett stunned fifth-seeded Kathy Jordan 6-1, 6-7, 7-6. Vermaak and Bassett will meet for the tournament championship at the Mission Hills Country Club.

Vermaak, 26, used her experience to defeat the 15-year-old Torres. Vermaak used the drop shot with great effectiveness and broke Torres' serve six times in the match.

In Nashville, second-seeded Kathy Horvath defeated Patricia Hy of Hong Kong 7-6, 6-4 to gain the final of the \$50,000 Ginny Tournament. The two 17-year-olds battled it out from the baseline with hard-hitting groundstrokes.

Horvath will face Czechoslovakia's Marcela Skuherska, who defeated Sherry Acker 6-4, 6-2. En route to her first professional final, Skuherska came through four rounds of qualifying and upset the fourth and fifth seeds

Munkelt sets world best indoor mark

BUDAPEST, March 6 (Agencies) — Thomas Munkelt became the third East German to shatter a world indoor best at the 14th European Indoor Athletic Championships when he sped through the final of the men's 60 meters hurdles in 7.48 seconds Sunday.

Munkelt, the Olympic 110 meters hurdles champion, beat the previous best of 7.54 held by Soviet athletes Andrej Prokojev and Jurij Cservaneyev. It was 29-year-old Munkelt's fourth triumph at a European Indoor Championships.

Czechoslovakia's Helena Fibingerova took the women's shot putt title with a mark of 20.61, the best in Europe this season. In the women's 3,000 meters, Yelena Sipatova of the Soviet Union won from Italy's Agnese Possami in the slow time of nine minutes 04.40 seconds. East German athletes dominated the first day of the two-day championships Saturday with Bettine Jahn and Marita Koch setting indoor bests.

Another Soviet Nikolai Musienko was a surprise winner over Olympic champion Jask Udumae in the triple jump. Nikolai leaped 17.12 meters, the best in Europe this season, and compatriot Gennadiy Vayukovich was second with 16.94. Udumae finished a disappointing fifth with a best of 16.56, well below his best for the season of 17.10.

Italian Stefano Tilli pipped West Germany's Christian Haas by one-hundredth of a second in the 60 meters, clocking 6.63.

East Europeans continued their domination in the women's section when two more events went in their favor. In the 400 meters, Czechoslovakia's Jarmila Kratochvílová wiped East German Kirsten Siemon with a time of 49.69. East Germans bagged the first two places in the 60 meters dash, with Marlies Gehr breasting the tape ahead of Silke Gladisch in 7.09 seconds.

Britain impresses

HULL, March 6 (AFP) — Great Britain beat France 17-5 in their Rugby League International here Sunday, after leading 7-0 at halftime. Great Britain scored three tries, all of which were converted, and a penalty against France's solitary unconverted try and a penalty.

Britain impresses

Menotti flew in to Madrid, where he was met by two Barcelona officials and Jorge Cysterpillar, manager of Diego Maradona. Rumors that Menotti is ready to join Barcelona have been rife since the dismissal of former manager Udo Lattek on Thursday. Before flying on to Barcelona, Menotti, reported to have signed an agreement with the club in December, which ensured he would be appointed manager next season, intimated he would put up with no outside pressures from any quarter in taking over as manager.

English soccer standings

ENGLISH DIVISION TWO

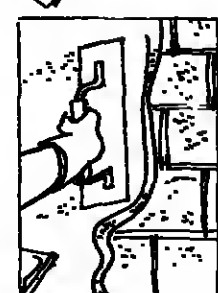
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Wolverhampton	30	18	6	6	55	32	60
Q.P. Rangers	29	18	5	6	50	23	59
Fulham	29	15	7	7	50	35	52
Leicester	30	14	4	12	31	33	46
Oldham	31	10	14	7	49	37	44
Sheff. Wednesday	29	11	10	8	44	36	43
Barnsley	29	11	10	8	43	37	43
Leeds	29	9	15	5	37	33	42
Grimsby	26	12	6	12	41	49	42
Newcastle	29	10	11	8	44	39	41
Shrewsbury	29	11	8	10	36	38	41
Blackburn	30	10	9	11	40	42	39
Charlton	29	10	6	13	45	61	36
Chelsea	30	9	8	13	31	44	35
Bolton	30	9	8	13	35	42	35
Crystal Palace	29	8	10	11	31	37	34
Rotherham	30	8	10	12	32	44	34
Cardiff	30	8	9	13	49	53	33
Burnley	28	8	5	15	44	49	29
Cambridge	29	6	11	12	31	37	29
Derby	28	5	12	11	33	44	27

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Albion	26	19	4	3	56	18	42
Celtic	25	19	3	3	67	27	41
Dundee United	25	15	7	3	58	21	37
Rangers	26	7	11	8	36	20	25
Dundee	26	7	8	11	32	38	22
St. Mirren	26	6	10	10	29	28	22
Hibernian	26	5	12	9	22	32	22
Motherwell	26	8	3	15	28	54	19
Morton	26	4	8	14	24	51	16
Kilmarnock	26	2	8	16	19	62	12

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With two days to spare

Cairns paces Kiwis to resounding victory

CHRISTCHURCH, New Zealand, March 6 (AFP) — New Zealand overcame Sri Lanka in the first ever cricket Test between the two countries, winning by an innings and 25 runs within three days at Lancaster Park here Sunday.

The Sri Lankan first innings was wrapped up within 15 minutes of the start of the third day, with Richard Hadlee claiming the two remaining wickets. Sri Lanka had needed four runs to avoid the follow-on but picked up only three of them to finish on 144, 200 behind New Zealand's first innings total of 344.

Opener Sidath Wettimuny carried his bat through the Sri Lankan effort, finishing 63 not out. However, both he and his brother Mithra Wettimuny were dismissed cheaply after Geoff Howarth enforced the follow-on and only Susil Fernando (46), Ranjan Madugalle (23) and stand-in captain Somachandra de Silva (52) offered any useful resistance in Sri Lanka's second innings.

New Zealand wicketkeeper Warren Lees was named the man-of-the-match after hitting at No. 9 in the New Zealand innings and top scoring with 89. He also took five catches in the match with an impressive display of wicketkeeping.

Lance Cairns was the most successful of the New Zealand bowlers, picking up four wickets in each innings to finish with match figures of eight for 96 off 35 overs.

Despite their poor showing, there is considerable sympathy in New Zealand for the Sri Lankans who entered the match without three of their top players, including captain Duleep Mendis and vice-captain Roy Dias, the leading batsmen, who both have finger injuries. The third was medium pacer Asaoka de Neli.

Sri Lanka had the added misfortune to lose strike bowler Vinodhan Joho when their attack during the New Zealand innings when he was troubled by a rib muscle injury.

Score-board

NEW ZEALAND (1ST INNINGS):	344	SRI LANKA (2ND INNINGS):	144
S. Wettimuny not out	63	M. Wettimuny c Lees b Sneedden	5
M. Wettimuny c Lees b Cairns	17	S. Wettimuny b Cairns	7
S. Fernando c Cairns	46	S. Fernando b Cairns	46
R. Madugalle c Lees b Sneedden	4	R. Madugalle c Lees b Sneedden	23
R. Madugalle run out	24	D.S. de Silva b Chatfield	52
D.S. de Silva c Lees b Hadlee	7	J. Ratnayake b Cairns	7
J. Ratnayake run out	0	G. de Alwis c Hadlee b Sneedden	3
G. de Alwis c Turner b Hadlee	0	S. Jeganathan b Chatfield	8
S. Jeganathan b Cairns	6	R. Ratnayake c Howarth b Chatfield	0
R. Ratnayake c Cooney b Hadlee	1	V. Joho not out	3
V. Joho b Hadlee	0	Extras	13
Extras	12	Total	175
Total	144		
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-49, 2-49, 3-55, 4-104, 5-121, 6-129, 7-133, 8-141, 9-144.		FALL OF WICKETS: 1-14, 2-26, 3-46, 4-95, 5-108, 6-124, 7-133, 8-168, 9-170.	
BOWLING: Hadlee 13.1-1-33-4; Sneedden 10-1-30-0; Cairns 15-6-49-4; Chatfield 15-4-20-0.		BOWLING: Hadlee 22-12-27-0; Sneedden 23-6-48-3; Chatfield 16.5-3-40-3; Cairns 20-7-47-4.	

Maninder's dazzling performance

POINTE-A-PIERRE, Trinidad, March 6 (AFP) — A magnificent spell of left-arm spin bowling by Maninder Singh led the touring Indian cricket team to a crushing innings and 70 runs victory over Trinidad and Tobago just after tea on the third day of the scheduled four-day match Saturday.

Singh, who took five wickets for 48 in Trinidad and Tobago's first innings, routed the home team again with a haul of seven for 47 in Trinidad's tally of 140.

It was the first victory for the Indians on the tour and, following their defeat by four wickets by the West Indies in the first Test last Monday, the victory was a shot in the arm, for the dispirited Indians.

The Indians, 355 for seven wickets when play began, boosted their first innings total to 403 for an impressive lead of 210 which put pressure on the home team. However, Trinidad and Tobago started in spectacular fashion as opener Richard Gabriel took 21 off Madan Lal's first over of the second innings.

Even though Gabriel went for 30 and first innings top scorer Philip Simmons for 22, Trinidad and Tobago were 97 for two with the two West Indies Test players, Larry Gomes and Gus Logie, hitting well.

Then the tall, 17-year-old Maninder, bowling in a pink patka and showing uncanny control, dismissed both Gomes, for 27 and Logie, for 13, at the same score to start the slide.

BRIEF SCORES: Trinidad and Tobago 193 and 140 (R. Gabriel 30, P. Simmons 22, L. Gomes 27; Maninder seven for 47) lost to India 403 (A. Gekwad 81, M. Aslamath 114, A. Mahboob 74, S. Kirmani 74, Madan Lal 45; Maninder four for 70, Nannu two for 78, D'Heureux two for 44).

Renault seen in poor light

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil, March 6 (AP) — The Alfa Romeo team turned in a surprisingly strong performance while Renault admitted it was in "serious trouble" after testing Saturday in preparation for next week's Brazilian Grand Prix.

Italy's Andrea de Cesaris had the day's fastest time, taking his turbo-charged Alfa Romeo around the 3.125-mile (5 km) Jacarepagua track in 1 minute, 35.6 seconds. Former world champion Niki Lauda of Austria also made a strong showing, registering 1:35.9 in his conventionally-powered McLaren for the second-best time.

The surprise of the day was the poor showing of the Renault team. Driver Alain Prost of France could not do better than 1:38.84, while his teammate Eddie Cheever of the United States was only 13th-fastest with a 1:39.51. "We're in deep trouble with the handling. I just hope we can find the answer in time for the race," said Cheever.

Italy's Riccardo Patrese improved his time in the afternoon session to finish third in his Brabham-BMW with a 1:36.2. His teammate, former world champion Nelson Piquet of Brazil, sat out the practice with gearbox problems.

Defending champion Keke Rosberg of Finland also went faster in the afternoon to register 1:37.35 in his Williams, good for fourth place. Ex-motorcycle champion Johnny Cecotto of Venezuela looked impressive in only his second outing in a Grand Prix car, setting a 1:42.2 in his Theodore. Cecotto

Mikkola just about makes it

LISBON, March 6 (AP) — Hanno Mikkola of Finland cruised his works Audi Quattro to a narrow victory in Portugal's gruelling Motor Rally late Saturday, finishing only 53 seconds ahead of teammate Michele Mouton of France.

After a fourth-place in Monte Carlo and a victory in Sweden, Mikkola's win in Portugal puts him at the top of the World Championship standings with 50 points, 18 points ahead of the 1982 champion Walter Rohrl of West Germany, who here finished third.

The 40-year-old Finn crossed the finishing line at this seaside resort to a rousing welcome and told journalists he felt he was reaching the peak of his career.

Mouton, last year's winner in Portugal, drove spectacularly during the closing stages of the four-day rally — in the last 48 hours moving up from seventh to second place and closing the gap between her and Mikkola by 90 seconds.

But the Finn displayed an unmatchable



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As Koch strikes form

Floyd falls off the ladder

LAUDERHILL, Florida, March 6 (AP) — Gary Koch, for five long years a non-winner but now seeking a second consecutive triumph, birdied his last two holes for a 68, moved past collapsing Ray Floyd and took the lead Saturday in the third round of the \$400,000 Hooda-Lovvory Classic.

Koch played his back nine in 4-under-par 32 in winds that gusting to 35 mph. He finished three rounds over the Inverrary Country Club course in 207, nine shots

under. "The two birdies at the end were a bonus," said Koch, a 5-shot winner last week at Doran. "I'd beee happy with a 70. I felt that if I played a good, solid round today, I could get myself in position again."

He did. But he had to have Floyd's reluctant assistance to do it. The current PGA champion, winner of three titles in each of the last two seasons and recognized as one of the game's best front-runners, blew a 3-shot lead with a scramble, 6-over 78 — by five shots his highest score of the season — and went skidding back into the pack, five strokes off the lead at 212.

Wayne Levi took over second place with a 208 total. Levi, a two-time winner last season, spiced his round with a 65-70 foot putt for an eagle-3 on the 15th hole. He had a share of the lead until he bogeyed the 18th, putting his approach over the green.

Johnny Miller and rookie Dan Forsman were another stroke back at 209. Forsman had a 69. Miller shot a 68.

The group at 210, six under and very much in title contention, included Fred Couples, Payne Stewart, Mike Donald and Dave Edwards. Couples had a third round 70. Stewart shot 71 while Donald and Edwards matched par 72.

Meanwhile, Dianne Dailey fired a 4-under-par 69 to close to within one stroke of leader Anne-Marie Palli in the rain-plagued Samaritan Turquoise LPGA Classic. Dailey posted four birdies on the par-73, 6,380-yard (5,834-meter) Arizona Biltmore course after shooting even-par in mild-to-heavy rains Friday. Play was suspended Friday due to the rains, forcing half of the record 139-player field to finish their first round Saturday.

Ladies Professional Golf Association officials reduced the tournament from 72 to 54 holes because of the wet conditions here with the tourney now scheduled to end Monday instead of Sunday.

Palli finished her first round Friday with a 5-under-par 68, highlighted with seven birdies — including a 20-foot (6-meter) chip into the cup on the second hole.

Mackinnon, Novy score capital goals

NEW YORK, March 6 (AP) — Milan Novy and defenseman Paul Mackinnon scored Washington goals during a 59-second span midway through the second period, and the Capitals went on to defeat the Philadelphia Flyers, 4-3, in a National Hockey League game Saturday night.

Elsewhere in the NHL, Dino Ciccarelli and Brad Maxwell scored first period goals 1:09 apart and goaltender Doo Beaupre ran his unbeaten string to 10 games to lead the Minnesota North Stars to a 4-1 victory over Detroit Red Wings.

Wayne Gretzky scored his 57th and 58th goals of the season and set up three for linemate Jari Kurri to lead the Edmonton Oilers to a 6-3 victory over the Toronto Maple Leafs.

Mark Napier completed a three-on-one breakaway and scored on a 25-foot shot with 3:46 remaining to power the Montreal Canadiens to a 6-5 decision over the St. Louis Blues.

The Vancouver Canucks used third-period goals 20 seconds apart of Gary Lupul and Patrik Sundstrom to beat the Winnipeg Jets 5-4 and move into a tie for the final playoff berth in the Smythe Division.

And the Calgary Flames erupted for three goals, two by Lanny McDonald, in the third period Saturday night to tie with Los Angeles Kings 4-4 in an action-packed tie.

Soviet lifters excel

MOSCOW, March 6 (AFP) — Soviet weightlifters again set world records tumbling in the Friendship Cup meeting in Odessa Saturday.

Two of the three records to fall went to Olympic champion Leonid Taranenko in the heavyweight category (110 kg) who he improved his own previous best in the snatch and then set a new mark for the clean and jerk.

Taranenko lifted 196.5 kg in the snatch, breaking his own record by 0.5 kg and then beat his compatriot Sergei Arakelov's clean and jerk record by 0.5 kg, when he lifted 242 kg.

In the super-heavyweight category, Anatoly Pidsnsako lifted 203 kg in the snatch, beating his own world record by 0.5 kg.

U.S. gymnasts lead

NEW YORK, March 6 (AFP) — Americans Peter Widmar and Mary-Lou Retton led the men's and women's competitions going into Sunday's finals in the American Cup Gymnastics events at Madison Square Garden Saturday.

Widmar aggregated 58.55 points in six events with victories in the floor exercises and parallel bars and sharing first place with Mitch Gaylord, who is in fourth place, in the horizontal bars. Trailing him are two Soviets, Vladimir Artemov and Stepan Martinskiv, both aggregating 58.20 points.

While Retton is closely followed by two other Americans Julianne McNamara and Tracy Talavera respectively, Retton is on 39.25 points, with McNamara and Talavera on 38.90 and 38.40 points respectively.



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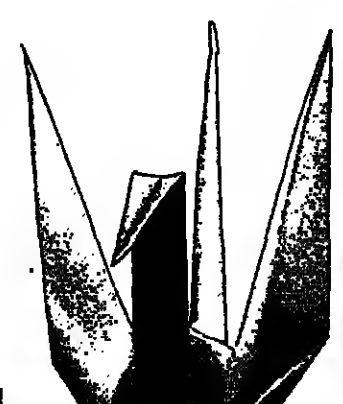
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SOVIET-EGYPTIAN TIES

Egypt and the Soviet Union may be heading toward a resumption of full diplomatic ties which had been severed in a colossal fit of temper by the late President Sadat over unproven allegations of interference in local affairs by the Soviet Embassy staff in Cairo.

This may be a welcome development because Egypt, at least under Sadat, had thrown its lot so much and so far with the United States that it has grown dangerously dependent on American goodwill and pleasure in the region.

The Soviet Union has a certain role to play if it musters enough guts to do so and, unfortunately, last year's events in the region have confirmed the suspicions of many Arabs that it has no intention to rise to the occasion and compete with the United States for a position of authority in the geopolitics of the Middle East.

The Israeli invasion of Lebanon, the devastation wrought on the Palestinians and the decimation of the Syrian Air Force and armor, exposed the Soviet Union to charges of incapacity or worse, cowardice. It simply stood aside as the most lethal American war machine, as supplied to Israel, shredded Russia's best friends in the area.

This stance, or non-stance, has already cost the Soviets dearly as far their allies were concerned who discovered that they could not depend on them entirely for succor in an emergency.

Nevertheless, there are political compulsions that cannot be ignored specially by a large Arab state like Egypt if only to enable it to reduce Sadat's sickening reliance on the U.S. which has characterized Egyptian policy since 1973. At the same time, the Soviet Union should pull up its socks and act the superpower that it is.

Saudi Arabian press review

Most of the newspapers devoted their editorials to the seventh nonaligned summit due to open in New Delhi today (Monday).

Okaz expressed hope that the summit's participants would come out with practical solutions to the problems on the meeting's agenda, particularly the Palestinian cause, the Arab-Israeli conflict and the Gulf war.

The paper said "the ability of the summit to find solutions to such problems will determine the influence of the nonaligned movement as an international political and economic power, capable of confronting the designs of Zionism and the superpowers."

"Since most of the movement's members are Arab and Muslim states, great hope is being attached to the meeting to reach a collective stand toward dangers facing the Arab and Islamic nation, particularly with regard to the 29-month-old Iran-Iraq war," the paper added.

The paper asserted that the causes of the existing political and economic problems faced by nonaligned countries were "directly or indirectly due to the conflict of the superpowers, which are hard at work to bring the nonaligned states under their

sphere of influence."

Al-Yom said the Gulf countries with all their political and economic weight would bring new dimensions to the meeting since they had a collective stand toward problems included on the summit's agenda.

Al-Madinah emphasized the need for the Arab countries to "have a collective stand inside the summit and drop their marginal differences." It warned against stirring any inter-Arab disputes in the meeting and said the Arab world should have a unified stand at the conference.

Al-Jazirah attributed the failure of the Lebanese-Israeli talks on troops withdrawal from Lebanon to Israel's intransigence and unacceptable conditions which it said were aimed at tightening its grip on parts of occupied land in the wake of its invasion of the country in June.

The paper stressed that the Zionist enemy was determined to achieve political and economic fruits of its aggression on the Arab country in line with its expansionist policy at the expense of the Arab world's territory.

Al-Nadwa said the failure of the talks was due to the unlimited American political, economic and military support to Israel. (SPA)

Kyprianou's Communist links anger Greek premier

By Robert Little
Special to Arab News

LONDON — It was a jubilant Spyros Kyprianou who, radiant with the first flush of success, stood recently acknowledging the cheers of his supporters gathered in Nicosia's wind-swept Freedom Square to welcome his re-election as president of the Republic of Cyprus. But that was in the Greek-controlled south of the island.

In the northern sector, the scene was entirely different. There the Turkish Cypriot community — with their compatriots scattered around the world — were hoisterously preoccupied with celebrating the eighth anniversary of the founding of their own independent Kibris Turkish Federated State.

Nor did the absurdity of the situation end there. Kyprianou is leader of the right-wing conservative (DIKO) Democratic Party. But his small group of smartly dressed, middle class party members with their discreet pale blue flags were lost in a sea of thousands of muscular, well-disciplined young Marxist comrades greeting him with Communist red banners.

President Kyprianou's re-election with a 57 percent share of the total vote had nevertheless surprised even his most optimistic supporters. But of this only 20 percent was his own Democratic Party vote; the remaining 37 percent came from the support of his Communist Party (AKEL) electoral coalition allies.

Now that the election is over and Kyprianou is once more installed in the presidential palace, this is when his problems both at home and abroad really begin. For as many believe, his Communist Party partners having "paid the piper" and produced the results, will now be all set to call the tunes. Until

now, since the alliance with Kyprianou's Democratic Party was formed almost a year ago, the Communists have been playing their cards stealthily and quietly. Gradually, the numbers of card-carrying Communist civil servants have increased in all departments of government. And even the most disinterested TV viewer could not have failed to note the increased interest taken by the state broadcasting system CBC in the activities of the East European dictators.

All this has already been too much for Greece's prime minister, Andreas Papandreu, who since coming to power in Athens with his Socialist Pasok Party has been taking an active interest in Cyprus.

Papandreu has already clashed bitterly with Kyprianou and his Communist partners following his visit to the island a year ago over whether to continue with the intercommunal talks with the north which the Communists favor, or switch to an "international crusade" orchestrated from Athens to force the Turkish security forces off the island.

This culminated in an open attack on the Greek prime minister by the Communist leader Zhiartides who accused Papandreu of "unacceptable interference in the internal affairs of Cyprus." In a full-blooded assault on the Greek premier, Zhiartides went on: "When Papandreu spoke of support for Cyprus when he visited Nicosia in March (1982), we did not understand that such support was on condition that we (Greek Cypriots) should abandon the process of the intercommunal talks, or that the Cyprus government and the election of the president should be with the approval of the leaders in Greece."

Clafos Clerides, whose main opposition Democratic Rally Party polled 16 percent more of the total

votes than President Kyprianou's own party, has already warned that serious social upheavals will follow. The Moscow-backed Communist Party (AKEL), he says, was not supporting Kyprianou "out of charity."

Clerides claims that President Kyprianou has achieved the impossible — he has alienated the first Greek administration to take an active interest in the future of the island. He has angered the West by tying his survival to formal Communist support, and he has made it impossible for the staunchly anti-Communist military government in Ankara to do any sort of deal with the New Greek Cypriot administration.

All of which would seem to contain a great deal of truth. But his argument failed to gain any significant increase in votes either for Clerides or for Dr. Vasos Lyssarides and his EDEK Socialist Party with its close links with Papandreu in Athens.

The Communist leadership in turn has said that it strongly resents the accusations that they do not want a resolution of the Cyprus problem because it is in Moscow's interest to have Greece and Turkey at each other's throats and smouldering anti-Americanism in Athens and Nicosia. Instead, with the same logic, they favor a solution so that Greek and Turkish Cypriots can unite in closing the British sovereign bases on the island which are crucial to NATO intelligence and communications.

To anyone even the least remotely familiar with the last 30 years' history of Cyprus, the very suggestion of any kind of unity between Greek and Turkish Cypriot ever being possible must defy the imagination.

In the meantime, the sole survivor of Kyprianou's first government, Foreign Minister Nicos Rolandis, is due to fly to Athens shortly in an attempt to repair the wide breach with the Pasok government of

Papandreu. No one is expecting that he will receive anything more than a cool reception.

Rolandis, however, has said that he remains confident that in the end a compromise can be agreed, including Greek backing for the planned resumption of the intercommunal talks scheduled for March 6 and his government's support for a common line in the various international forums where Turkey will be ritually branded as an aggressor.

A few kilometers away across the Green Line in the northern part of Nicosia (now renamed Lefkosa) the Turkish Cypriot leader, President Rauf Denkash, remained unmoved and completely indifferent to the events on the other side. "The election of the Greek Cypriot President is entirely a matter for the Greek Cypriot people," was the only public comment he was prepared to make. But in an earlier telephone interview when asked his response to international press speculation and Clafos Clerides charges that Cyprus could become the Cuba of the Mediterranean with Spyros Kyprianou the puppet-pawn of Moscow, the Turkish Cypriot leader's reply was short and succinct.

"I think Clerides is talking rubbish. His statement is based on the fact that there is a strong Communist Party in the Greek Cypriot government to the south whose declared objective is to make Cyprus a socialist land, as they call it. Therefore, the potential might be there in the south."

"But for the whole of Cyprus to become a Cuba is impossible, because the north of Cyprus is not controlled by the Kyprianou government. It is inhabited and administered by the Turkish Cypriot people and we have no time for such extremist ideologies," and with that comment, President Denkash might be said to have set the seal on the outcome of the next round of intercommunal negotiations.

Virata gains little new status as Marcos names him successor

By David Briscoe

MANILA — President Ferdinand E. Marcos has called him his most likely successor, but Prime Minister Cesar Virata has gained little new status.

Succession in a government dominated for 17 years by Marcos may be a long way off, and Virata still stands in the formidable shadow of first lady Imelda R. Marcos. But the 52-year-old former academician is used to standing in shadows.

As finance minister — a job he still holds — he used to travel around the world incognito to wangle international loans for his government. In the glamorous world of the Marcoses, Virata is often an unassuming bystander. As the first couple were being ushered to separate aircraft by security last September near the end of their U.S. state visit, Virata was in the airport lounge fumbling with a vending machine.

"He has no happiness in his face," said an Asian diplomat in describing Virata. Others know him as pleasant and unpretentious, lacking in charisma. But when Marcos, 65, told foreign reporters last week that Mrs. Marcos, the rest of his cabinet and the military had agreed to rally behind Virata if Marcos dies, it was the first time the Philippine leader had ever named a likely successor.

Marcos said recently that Virata could inherit the role of "father figure" to 50 million Filipinos and could win an election. It was the first time anyone

had suggested prominently that the prime minister might be a vote-getter.

Virata has never faced an election, and, in contrast with others in Marcos' government, he has no political base. Even Marcos referred to his prime minister as "inert" and a "non-politician," but he said that might be just what the country needs.

A question being raised at some of Manila's unique coffee shop talk clubs — gathering places for politicians and diplomats — is whether the mild-mannered Virata could hold together a government over which Marcos has kept such tight control. Virata rarely speaks on anything but economic matters. Ever since July 1981, when Mrs. Marcos, 52, resisted a ruling party drive to name her prime minister and referred to Virata as her husband's choice, the prime minister has been more No. 3 than No. 2 in Philippine government.

Mrs. Marcos, who has a loyal following separate from the president's, appears with her husband at most official functions and draws crowds that seem to ignore Virata.

She is more widely quoted and photographed by the media and has been involved in projects ranging from organization of an international film festival to seeing off troops to fight Communist rebels in Mindanao Island. Mrs. Marcos led the official party to the funeral of King Khaled last year. Virata went along.

Marcos had repeated several times that his wife, who is human settlements minister and Metro-

Manila governor, will not succeed him. She also says their roles in government will be "co-terminous." But that has not stopped widespread speculation that she will be the next president of the Philippines — speculation encouraged by her recent appointment to the important executive committee and for the time being ended by the president's endorsement of Virata.

"The first lady or someone else could still become prime minister before the president leaves the scene," said a Western diplomat who views the Virata endorsement as more an elevation of the office of prime minister than of Virata himself. Marcos said Defense Minister Juan Ponce Enrile and Labor Minister Blas Ople would both like to be prime minister and the former might get the chance.

The executive committee, headed by Virata, would take over the presidency if Marcos dies or is incapacitated before his term ends in 1987. But it must call for a popular presidential election within a set period.

The silver-haired Virata was a dean of the University of the Philippines when Marcos took him into government in 1969. He has been development committee chairman for the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund and heads a body of Third World finance ministers, the Group of 24.

Some Marcos critics blame Virata for the Philippines' mounting foreign debt. One group recently accused the "Marcos-Virata dictatorship" of selling the country to multinationals. Virata's designation

Darlington poll rout will seal Foot's fate

By Barry May

LONDON — A forthcoming parliamentary by-election which in normal times would go largely unnoticed is being drummed up into a vote of confidence or rejection centered on the leader of Britain's opposition Labor Party, Michael Foot. What makes these abnormal times in British politics is the fact that the government of Conservative Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher enjoys popularity uncommonly high for an administration entering the last year of a term marked by economic hardship for millions of people.

The Labor opposition which, by past standards, ought to be reaping the rewards of popular discontent over the government's policies, is in disarray. And the new third force in British politics, the centrist alliance between Liberals and Social Democrats, is once again on the rise. After a year in the doldrums, the dwindling fortunes of the 18-month-old alliance have been revived by the electoral swing that swept Labor from an important London stronghold last month.

The loss to the Liberals of Bermondsey, a House of Commons seat Labor held for nearly 60 years, stirred speculation that Foot would soon be forced to give up the leadership.

The 69-year-old opposition leader is frequently ridiculed in the predominantly right-wing national press as a scruffy, shuffling man out of touch with modern Britain, unable to assert a firm grip on his party and incapable of matching Mrs. Thatcher's more dynamic public performances.

Foot tried his best to slap down the leadership speculation, going on radio and television and generally making himself available to anyone who would listen.

Foot was elected in November 1980 to lead Labor into the next general election and would stay to discharge that duty, he said. But the talk persisted that he would be forced to step down and that a battle for the succession would pit his deputy Denis Healey against a variety of challengers.

If Labor loses the next by-election, at Darlington in northeast England March 24, pressure on Foot to go will become impossible for him to fend off, political experts say. Darlington is considered a marginal

Labor seat.

The question the analysts now like to ask is, will it be the end of the line for Foot? His problems are seen as being symptomatic of the decline of Labor's relevance. Some commentators argue that the party, born out of the growing trades union movement at the turn of the century, has ceased to matter. With the evolution of Britain's working class into a class engaged in white collar work, Labor's hedrock has been eroded.

In a fundamental re-alignment of British politics, the Labor Party has become the ideological battleground for the struggle between the country's moderate, center or "soft" left and the radical, extreme or "hard" left.

The Liberal-Social Democratic alliance, competing for disaffected Labor support, has been the chief beneficiary of Labor woes and has once again become a political force to be reckoned with.

"We are witnessing the early stages of a reconstruction on the left, but we cannot yet say what shape it will take," says Peter Jenkins, a political columnist who actively supports the Social Democratic Party. — (R)

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Monday, March 7, the 66th day of 1983. There are 299 days left in the year.

Highlights in history on this day:

1692 — Maximilian, elector of Bavaria, is installed as governor and captain-general of the Spanish Netherlands.

1793 — France declares war on Spain, and Spanish forces invade Roussillon and Navarre.

1820 — Spain's King Ferdinand VII is forced to restore constitution of 1812 and end the inquisition.

1876 — Egyptian forces are defeated at Gura by the Ethiopians.

1918 — Peace treaty of Brest-Litovsk, signed four days earlier by Russia and central powers, is signed by Germany and Finland.

1936 — Germany violates Treaty of Versailles by occupying demilitarized zone in the Rhineland.

1945 — British 14th army enters Mandalay in Burma in World War II.

1976 — Morocco breaks diplomatic relations with Algeria because of their dispute over Sahara.

1978 — Rhodesian forces enter Zambia and kill 38 guerrillas.

1979 — Some Chinese troops are reported to have withdrawn from Vietnam, but Hanoi continues to report fighting, plundering, arson and shelling.

1981 — Anti-government guerrillas in Colombia execute U.S. missionary Chester Bitterman III, whom they held hostage after accusing him of being a CIA agent.

1982 — Guatemala holds election for president and other officers with soldiers carrying automatic weapons standing guard.

Thought for today:
Our sweetest songs are those which tell of saddest thoughts—Percy Shelley, English poet (1792-1822).

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Focus of world attention

Mideast changing fast retaining old values

By Dawn Liddicoat
Houston Bureau

HOUSTON — Coping with a resource base of petroleum and sand and facing an extremely rapid rate of development while striving to maintain a strong traditional faith seem to be basic problems that might partially explain the amount of tension in the Middle East region, said Dr. Paul English, chairman of the University of Texas Geography Department.

The Middle East comprises about 28 different countries and about 250 million people, said Dr. English, who serves on the editorial board of the Middle East Studies Association and visits the region annually. "The thing that binds the Middle East together is a common tradition, a tradition that began 1,300 years ago," he said. "This common tradition is a living reality today."

When Arab armies swept down on the Arabian peninsula, they brought with them a new way of organizing living. They brought a new faith that identified behavior, a faith that defined what was correct and what was not. It is this faith, Islam, and the patterns of living around it, which have led the region for the last 1,300 years.

"Islam is the first reality of the region," said Dr. English. "The Middle East is the heartland of Islamic faith." The five pillars of Islam: the expression of faith; praying five times each day; *zakat*, an obligation of the rich to give to the poor; fasting from dawn to dusk during the month of Ramadan; and the pilgrimage to Makkah, "the beating heart of the Muslim faith," set a rhythm to daily life within the Middle East and within the Muslim world, that remains today.

"All five of these pillars tied together provide a strength that has bound the faithful to one another and created a community of the faithful that vote together in the United Nations, and still feel a sense of obligation to one another however much the differences among them may be," said Dr. English.

The second reality of the Middle East, said Dr. English, "is a shared physical reality that the vast majority of the region is unusable." Within this region, people live in an environment that has been used for 4,000 or 5,000 years by farmers, herders and simply people living. "Within the Middle East, virtually all the vegetation within reach already has been used for domestic or industrial purposes," he said. Such intensive human use compares with only 200 years of land use in the United States.

The majority of the population lived in small communities, until the communities were intruded by colonial power in the 19th century. "The mosque represented the most dominant force within a community," said Dr. English. "It dominated the skyline. The second major enterprise of a community, he added, occurred at the bazaar. The residential communities spread out from these central places: the mosque as the social and religious institution, the bazaar as the commercial institution. Overall, it was a very tightly knit, small urban society."

The vast majority of the Middle East population earned its living cultivating land. Only 15 to 20 percent of the people in the region grew up in the city until this century began, said Dr. English. Because of the extremely dry climate, people located where they could find water. River valleys drew dense populations, because they provided a reliable source of water and a predictable living. "For the most part, it was a life of poverty," said Dr. English. "The landscape that people drew their sustenance from was a barren one." Villages were isolated from one another, their only responsibility to government was paying tax.

The third component of the Middle East, said Dr. English, were the nomads, who used the land no one else could use and controlled the deserts that separated one settled area from another. "It was they who controlled the intervening states between villages, and by controlling that, they controlled much of the region."

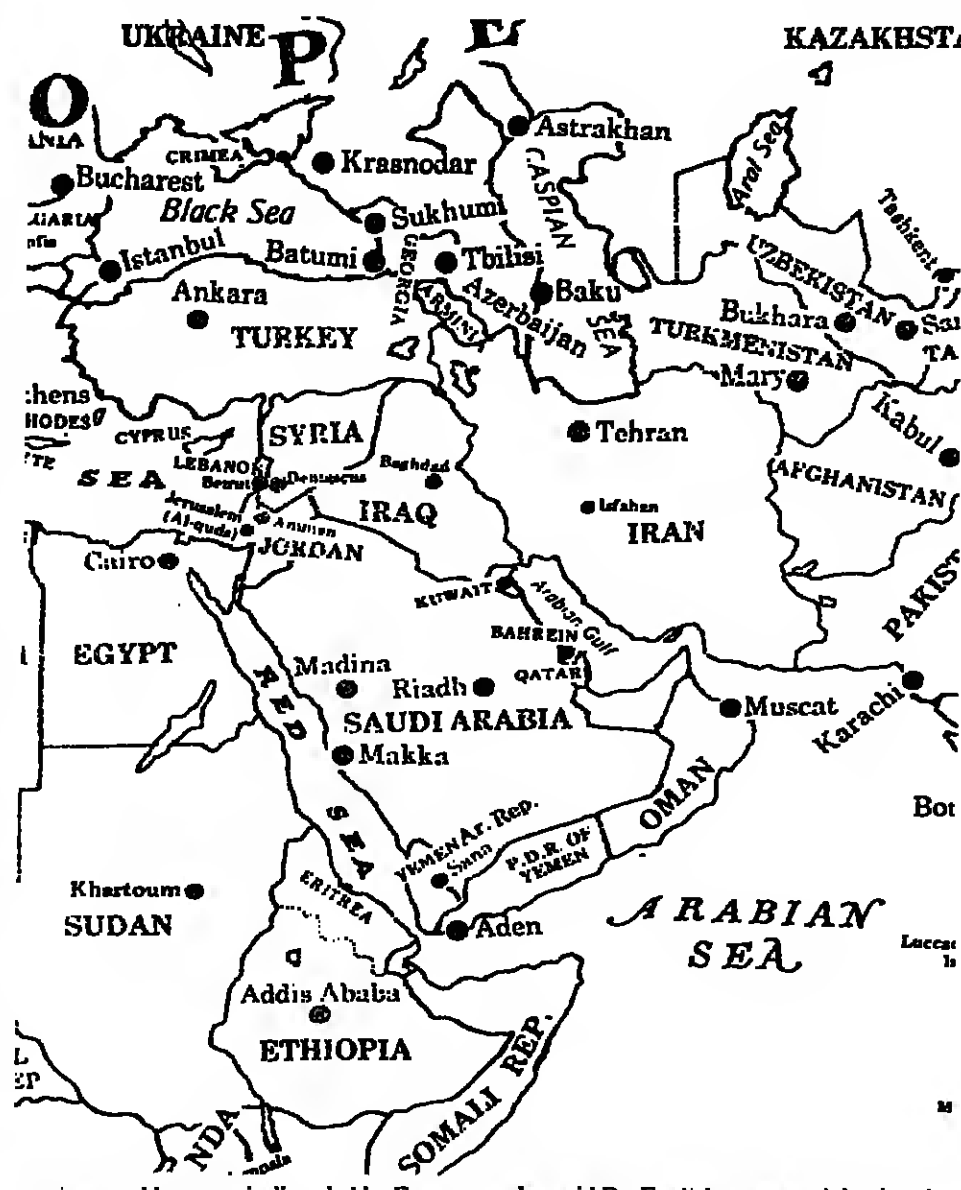
The Middle East did not participate in the industrial revolution, despite its proximity to Europe. Dr. English said, but increasing European penetration resulted in the Europeans taking over the banking system from the Ottoman rulers in Constantinople, what is now Istanbul. Europeans gained rights to mines and to build railroads, and in 1835, managed to make the Ottoman Empire go bankrupt.

"The intrusion of the Europeans disrupted society. Traditional products began to disappear as they could not compete with European products generated out of mills in Manchester and Liverpool. Land was taken away from peasants who grew food previously and now grew commercial products desired and paid for by Europeans. Whole regions were turned into satellites of Europe. Egypt became one vast cotton farm, producing cotton for the mills of Manchester, depriving peasants of a land that once had been producing fruit. In Turkey it was tobacco and some minerals, in Iraq it was the date palm."

"Europeans even went to the point of wiping out any industries that were started by local people," Dr. English said. Egyptian ruler Muhammad Ali had set up 31 textile factories, which the Europeans closed down to prevent industrial competition. Out of this grew misunderstanding and resentment toward Europeans, "resentment that although our heritage did not generate," said Dr. English, "we certainly have inherited, because from the Middle Easterners' viewpoint, we are the Europeans' cousins."

At the same time, Europeans began to introduce medical and educational advances. Treatments for simple diseases increased lifespans by as much as 10 to 15 years. Although death control was immediately accepted in the region, birth control was not, "so that rising populations was one of the important legacies of this period."

When Middle Easterners gained independence from Britain, they were left with an entire new set of realities, said Dr. English. While being politically independent, they still



were in a world economically ruled by European interests. They had a population three times as large as existed in 1900, but they did not have a resource base three times as large. They had to convert their resource base to support the growing population, and began building structures to conserve water.

"They accepted the new political idea, that it was one's duty to raise the standard of living of their people, and all regions in the Middle East accepted that as their responsibility. In the process of going about this, they had to break with tradition," said Dr. English, "and the break with tradition has been so abrupt that it has disrupted the entire region."

Much of the population moved to the cities, transforming what had been small towns from pedestrians into bustling, growing cities with traffic jams and air pollution. "Along with this came a new architecture that attempted to blend the old with the new." A new generation of Middle Easterners sought education in American and European universities. They were less religious, more secular people. It was these persons who "would see all the programs of change within their time," said Dr. English. "They would accomplish this by a new wealth, a new wealth that came into being with the discovery of petroleum."

Governments began to institute programs of health, which had always been one's personal affair, and universal education. These had never been thought of as a government's responsibility, or even a goal, in the traditional village, said Dr. English. "So there were people who never fully understood it or appreciated it, and still don't," he added. Tribes were forcibly settled. Their role was replaced by motor vehicles, and they gained jobs patrolling pipelines.

All of this change was powered by oil, said Dr. English. Oil wealth generated all kinds of construction and refineries, and an incredible accumulation of money, but among a small portion of the population.

"The fact was, many people couldn't participate," said Dr. English. "They didn't have a college degree, they didn't have a family connection." Population growth generated more poverty than wealth.

The oil-rich countries are actually few in number, said Dr. English. Half of the region's population is located in three countries: Egypt, Turkey and Iran, and only Iran has petroleum. "People, however, are still concentrated where there's water, so that the vast majority of the people are located where there is no wealth, and the image of the Middle East, as a region, of being wealthy is not a correct image at all. Most people still live in traditional settlements. What it comes down to is the very rapid rate of change we've seen in the Middle East over the past 15 years actually benefited a very small number of people."

Population growth, more than anything

else, said Dr. English, generated the situation of having more poverty than wealth. More than half of the region's population is under 15 years of age. "That means they are consumers rather than producers. How were the schools, the clinics, to be built for half the population? Where were the doctors and teachers to come from? The infrastructure that we take for granted did not exist in any Middle Eastern country until five years ago," he said. As a result, it was difficult to make the new system work.

"Out of this, comes predictable turmoil," said Dr. English. "What you have is a situation where the mass of the people retain tradition. That is, after all, what they grew up with. And yet they are faced with plunging from the 16th century into the 20th century in the course of passing through a decade of their own lives."

Oman has been open to Westernization only since 1970. Having become wealthy as an oil producer and under the new ruler Sultan Qaboos bin Said, the country has only recently experienced very rapid change. Its wealth has led to new kinds of employment, and new machinery — for which there is no background experience or knowledge. It has created new settlements designed by American or European architects that imitate, but not quite precisely, the old settlements.

Middle Easterners are making the effort to adapt to a new world, said Dr. English. "How one can move from the classic tradition to the modern in such a short period of time is hard to believe. It is like moving away from and completely through the Renaissance period and away from the Medieval period into the 20th century without any pause for breath."

"They want it both," said Dr. English, "just as I suppose we all do. They want the new and all that comes it, and yet they want to retain the old. They want to retain tradition. The area has become a center of world pressure, and that pressure bears down on a handful of leaders. The turmoil that exists in the Middle East should surprise no one."

This region, he added, with all its complexities, is vital to the United States and will continue to be vital to this country. "The Middle East is important to us in a fundamental way because it can shape the foundations of our own society." Because of the necessary linkage of the United States with the Middle East region, "we must recognize that we are dealing with a civilization of cultured people that extends back 1,300 years. We must come to understand that in Saudi Arabia, they have within the Royal Family more Ph.D.s in economics and business, trained in Harvard, than there are in existence in our Congress and Senate combined. What that means in the long run," concluded Dr. English, "is that those of us in universities, those in the business community, must train our people to understand the language and the culture and the civilization of this region."

Soviets brave biting cold for sport, fun

By David Minthorn

MOSCOW (AP) — A frigid wind gusting across the frozen Moscow River, stirring up swirls of ice crystals. But men and boys, huddled in groups over small holes bored into the ice shelf, took no notice of the stinging cold. The Soviet winter fishermen — diehard anglers who refuse to put rods and bait hooks away when polar cold leaves lakes and rivers covered with solid ice.

"We came at dawn and we'll stay until dusk, even though the fish aren't hitting today," said a Moscow worker named Sergei, tending three lines dropped into the brownish water through a hole 15 centimeters in diameter. Five friends sat at nearby holes, patiently waiting for a strike.

Sergei and his friends spend virtually every Sunday in the winter on a frozen arm of the Moscow River in the city's northern outskirts, sharing the ice with dozens of other hobby fishermen and cross-country skiers who live in high-rise apartment blocks along the banks.

There are 20 million sports fishermen in the Soviet Union, and many of them practice the hobby year-round. Winter angling is so popular that a national daily newspaper, *Selskaya Zhizn* (Rural Life), published a weekly advice column on fishing techniques, equipment, baits and how to stay warm.

The newspaper recently reported that the Soviet Union will hold a national fishing contest this year for the first time, with prizes for the biggest fish in 32 species.

"During winter, it's not practical to travel from one fishing area to another because the season is relatively short. Stick with one group and it will be easier to find fish and discover what bait to use," a recent column in the daily said.

One column advised fishermen how to keep their feet warm and dry — wrap their knee-high felt boots, called *Valenki*, in plastic sacks and wear galoshes to keep out moisture. Another column gave directions for making a one-man plastic tent for protection from frost bite when the wind chill factor is high.

An enthusiast from Siberia wrote to urge winter anglers to dry their lines drawn by boiling in walnut juice, providing camouflage in the muddy water. Another column told how to spot dangerous ice conditions.

Sergei and his friends were warmly dressed

in typical winter fisherman's garb for their eight-hour stay on the ice — fur hats, drab-colored padded coats and pants, heavy mittens and *Valenki* boots.

Each had a meter-long hand drill with a special screw on the tip to bore holes in the ice and a on box for tackle and provisions that also served as a seat.

Sergei kicked contemptuously at a 5-cm perch lying in the snow. "That's our only catch today," he confessed, to good-natured laughter from the others.

Perch, roach and bream are the usual catch, lured to hooks baited with mosquito larvae or grubs played out on lines from a stubby rod.

"We figure it's better to sit in the open than to stay at home. Fresh air is healthy and the fishing is restful," Sergei told a Western reporter.

For Sergei and his friends, camaraderie is as important as bringing home a box full of fresh fish. They while away the hours on the ice trading stories and sipping hot cups of tea.

No one has come up with a foolproof method to predict when and where game fish strike best in the winter months, but experts say that winter fishermen have to make a virtue of patience to withstand long hours of waiting in the cold.

Apart from the cold, the sport has other hazards. *Moscow News*, a weekly newspaper for foreigners, reported this month an encounter between a winter fisherman named Maximov and a giant salmon that was too large to be landed through the hole in the ice.

"Maxim decided to hold onto the fish with one hand and enlarge the hole with the other. But in his haste he allowed the big salmon to catch his hand. The fish locked its jaws and its small sharp teeth into Maximov's hand," it said.

Friends at nearby ice holes came to the rescue. They enlarged the hole, landed the fish and freed Maximov, then bandaged his hand and revived him with warm clothes and a cup of tea.

Sudden thaws are a danger, too. In January 1979, the state press reported, nearly 3,000 winter fishermen had to be rescued by ships and helicopters over a two-day period when ice broke up during a sudden warm spell at Vladivostok harbor in the Soviet Pacific coast.

Indian circus performs tightrope act for survival

By Prakash Chandra

NEW DELHI (Depthnews) — India's circus industry is doing the tightrope act for its very existence. Despite being part of the country's entertainment scene for hundreds of years it now finds the competition threatening to drive it out of business.

Onslaught of the competition is awesome. Many Indians now turn their back on the circus in favor of movies, disco halls, television and for those who can afford it, video sets.

Circus owners claim they are waging "a grim battle for survival." They sigh for the industry's "golden days," the period between the 1950s and 1970s, when there were about 100 circus troupes playing the entire country and employing several thousands of human and animal performers.

Today, only eight circus companies remain. They are the Jumbo, which won the president's gold medal award in 1982, Gemini, New Grand, Great Rayman, Golden, Venus and Apollo. They recall times when trained white stallions, lions, bears, monkeys and elephants performed feats applauded by standing room only crowds, not to mention "death-defying acts" put on the acrobats and other human performers.

World recognition was also won by some of the companies, notably the Kamala Three-Ring Circus of professor K. Damodaran who had under his employ in 1965 some 1,000 performers and 700 animals. The Kamala troupe, billed as the "second greatest show on earth" after the Ringling Brothers' Circus of the United States, toured the Soviet Union, Australia, America and the Middle East.

Kamala folded its big top in the early 1970s. Damodaran himself died a virtual pauper in a hospital in Bombay in 1972. His passing was virtually unnoticed by the public he entertained.

In the early years of circus history in India, owners of the troupes came mostly from

Bombay. Ownership has since shifted to Kerala state whose residents are owners of companies still in operation. Mohan Shahani, who operates the Jumbo, complains: "We get very little help from the Indian Ministry of Education and Sports, although we are entitled to a variety of concessions."

He gets indirect confirmation from senior government officials in this capital who say they do not like to see the "circus die as a form of entertainment" in India. However, Shahani glumly predicts that limbo seems to be the lot of the industry.

"There are no concessions in water and electricity charges. Even the rubbish from the circus camps is expensive to dispose of. It costs about \$50 a day to dispose of elephant dung and rubbish," according to Shahani who adds that his company runs up a daily expense of \$3,000.

The Jumbo circus has a staff of 600, including 275 performers, 180 animals comprising two black tigers, a gorilla and Appu, the symbol of the Asian Games — an elephant. Gemini's performers were trained in Moscow and Australia. Their acrobats came from Kerala, Nepal and Gujarat.

The circus has its own generator, a team of doctors and school teachers. It runs its own school for children and circus staff. Says Ravi Raj, 39-year-old instructor: "We are like a big family. We rarely quarrel. But you have to be born in a circus to enjoy life in a circus."

When a cyclone hit Bombay recently the Jumbo Circus tent was blown off and 27 workers were injured. Yet, the Jumbo opened its doors again the next day as if nothing had happened. Trapeze shows are an attraction at the Jumbo circus. But recently one of its pretty and skilled performers, Shohba, fell off the trapeze. She is now recovering in a hospital.

One problem circus troupes face is the reluctance of insurance companies to insure players and animals. The premium rates are high. And very often the performers go uninsured against fire and accidents.



READY TO CUT: One common sight throughout the Middle East is the date palms which still is a major export item for countries like Iraq.

Tribal medicine helps Filipinos

MANILA (Depthnews) — The doctor took one look at the patient, shook his head and gave his prescription: treatment by the tribal medicine man. The doctor, in a rural village, knew the patient is better off with "ethnomedicine," or people's medicine.

In turn, the tribal medicine man faced with patients beyond his native skills to cure does not hesitate to refer them to Western-trained doctors.

For centuries a remedy in the Philippines, ethnomedicine has finally found a niche in the stiff and elite circle of the local medical profession. The University of the Philippines, for instance, offers an undergraduate course in herbal medicine in its Institute of Public Health in Leyte province. The National Science and Technology Authority produces oo

an experimental scale herbal medicine in tablet and syrup form, complete with dosage instructions.

In Xavier University, in southern Philippines, a specialized course in medical anthropology — with ethnomedicine as its basis — is open to both medical students and practitioners alike. The course is the first of its kind in the country.

"The people, especially in rural areas, greatly benefit," says Dr. Linda Burton, dean of Xavier University's anthropology department in Cagayan de Oro City. She believes folk medicine is well on the way of becoming an institution in rural health care but for two reasons: the common tendency to downplay its role and associate it with the supernatural, sorcery and quackery and the arrogance of science.

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Firms to get tax credits Reagan seeks OK for job-based plan

SAN FRANCISCO, March 6 (Agencies) — President Ronald Reagan has said he would ask Congress next week to approve tax credits for firms giving jobs to Americans who had been out of work for a long time.

Under the plan, first mentioned in the president's State of the Union address in January, jobless workers would be able to exchange their unemployment benefits for a voucher to be given to a new employer. The tax credit would be approved when the employer sent the voucher to the government.

Romania protests American move

BUCHAREST, March 6 (AFP) — Romania Saturday strongly protested a White House announcement Friday that the United States would cease to let Bucharest benefit as of June 30 from most-favored-nation status in trade exchanges.

U.S. President Ronald Reagan said his decision came in reaction to a recent Romanian regulation imposing on would-be emigrants the reimbursement of the cost of their education and professional training.

The Romanian protest took the form of an official declaration carried by the Romanian news agency Agerpres. It condemned the American move as "unjustified and representing a sort of pressure, as well as an interference with Romania's domestic affairs that cannot be accepted."

It was "perfectly normal that persons having studied in Romania at the expense of the state and people and that wished to leave the country return the money expended for their studies," Agerpres said.

The agency added that depriving Romania of its privileged trading status "goes counter to international standards" because the motive invoked "bears no relation to links between Bucharest and Washington". The declaration concluded by asking that America rescind the decision.

China returns to ILO

GENEVA, March 6 (R) — China, which plans to resume its participation in the International Labor Organization (ILO) in June after a 34-year absence, will take Canada's place among the 10 permanent members of the ILO's governing body.

The ILO said in a statement Saturday it had agreed on a new list of the 10 states having permanent seats on the governing body, which groups 28 government members, 14 employer members and 14 worker members.

As part of its agreement to return to the ILO, of which it was a founding member in 1919, Peking will not have to pay the \$36.4 million it owes the ILO in unpaid membership fees.

broadcast to the nation, Reagan said the overwhelming majority of the long-term unemployed would gladly trade their benefits for a job, if they could find one. He also said he would propose that teenagers should be paid a reduced minimum wage of \$2.50 an hour, a 25 percent cut, to encourage firms to hire them.

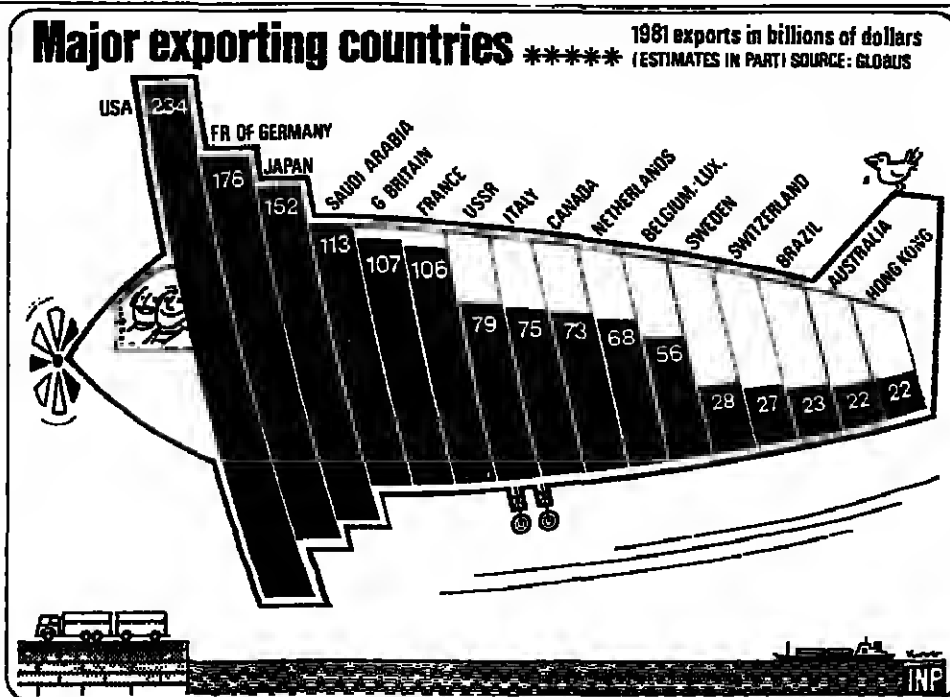
Reagan said this would give youngsters without experience or little experience a better opportunity to find a job.

The national unemployment rate is now 10.4 percent, but Reagan said the nation was recovering from recession and the rate would fall in the coming months.

The president also turned to one of his administration's major preoccupations — the field of world trade — and said that the United States "will carry the banner for free trade," although it would also defend domestic industries against "predatory" foreign competitors.

Generally speaking, Reagan has been in the forefront of those defending a philosophical and economic commitment to free trade, and there seems no doubt that he plans to continue to lead that camp, despite intense domestic pressure for protectionist measures. He has said, for example, that he would oppose legislation to make Japanese car-makers use a substantial amount of U.S. parts in vehicles to be sold in the United States.

"We will not turn our backs on the principles of free trade," the president commented. He joined many other observers in noting that protectionist laws in the 1930s had strengthened the depression and helped set the stage for World War II.



From Lebanon Jordan restricts imports

AMMAN, March 6 (R) — Jordan Saturday became the second Arab country to impose restrictions on imports from Lebanon for fear that they might include Israeli goods which found their way into Lebanon in the wake of the Israeli invasion.

Last month Saudi Arabia banned a wide range of imports from Lebanon and ordered close scrutiny of others.

The official Jordanian news agency Petra said all goods imported from Lebanon were banned unless made in Lebanon itself.

It said Trade and Industry Minister Walid Asfour took the decision to prevent the entry of Israeli goods that might have reached Lebanese markets, and goods made by firms blacklisted by the Arab League Boycott Office for dealing with Israel.

The minister ordered that all imports from Lebanon should be accompanied by officially confirmed certificates of origin.

Since Israel invaded the southern third of Lebanon last June, the Beirut government has been unable to prevent Israeli goods flowing in across the border.

Some Beirut press reports say that in December alone their value totaled \$10 to \$20 million.

Lebanon, which depends heavily on trade including the re-export of goods to the Arab world for its prosperity, has been trying to get the Saudi Arabian ban relaxed, and has also tried to close down illegal ports.

As part of talks on the withdrawal of Israeli forces from Lebanon, Israel is seeking normal trade relations with Lebanon.

With franc sliding French economic outlook grim

PARIS, March 6 (AFP) — The French economic scene during the past few days has been a rather troubled one, as labor disputes continued to dog the Socialist government (though one involving coal workers was settled) and a pall has again fallen over the future of the French franc.

On Friday, representatives of the French Coal Agency (Charbonnages de France) signed an agreement with striking miners at Carmaux to end a strike that lasted more than three weeks. The accord concerned such questions as hiring, payment for unworked days, benefits in kind, the length of working hours, and retirement after 30 years of service.

As to the bitter conflict between Citroen-Aulnay and the unions, the agreement reached Thursday night was not immediately accepted by the management and the accord was very vague on the future of eight workers dismissed after incidents last Feb. 2 that injured 25 persons, according to the management. Many union members and officials have insisted that they be kept on the job, but Citroen has been adamant against that idea.

Meanwhile, speculation has been relaunched about the future of the French franc, and pressure on the beleaguered franc intensified toward the end of the trading week amid expectations that the West German national and the French municipal elections being held Sunday will be followed by a re-alignment within the European Monetary System (EMS).

The Bank of France intervened on a considerable scale to keep the value of the franc in line, but many informed observers believed that was just a bolder action preceding the "municipals". And on March 2, the satirical weekly *Le Canard Enchaîné* published a confidential document of the Finance Ministry prepared by the head of the forecasting division, Jean-Claude Milleron, presenting a scenario of two devaluations of

the franc during the next year and a half and unemployment jumping by 20 percent to 2.4 million by the end of 1984.

Ministry officials said the document was just one of a number of studies, scenarios and memoranda on economic subjects that circulate within the ministry, but its publication was universally considered something of a blow to the Socialist-Communist government.

Milleron also said that France had borrowed 88 billion francs last year, against the 60 billion mentioned recently by Finance Minister Jacques Delors. The alleged tendency of the Socialist-Communist government to indebted France has become an important subject of political and economic controversy.

Police prevent flight of capital

MULHOUSE, March 6 (AFP) — French border police seized nearly two million francs (\$270,000) in gold and currency being smuggled into Switzerland this week following fears of a new devaluation of the franc.

Two of the largest sums were carried by a couple of young Chinese, who had stuffed their clothing and suitcases with bundles of large bills, and an Italian couple described as "above suspicion" but who had hidden a fortune in the chassis of their car.

The first two, Kuo Sheng Hua, 28 who held a Chinese passport, and his sister, Kuo Shao Hung, 20, who is French through marriage, were caught Friday on a routine baggage inspection in the French sector of the Basel train station.

They were charged and imprisoned after police found 527,500 francs (\$77,500) in undeclared 100 and 500-franc bills.

Kuo is a shop owner in Cayenne, French Guiana, where there is a large number of Chinese owning small businesses.

Soviet aid to Uganda

KAMPALA, March 6 (AP) — The Soviet Union has offered an \$11-million aid credit to Uganda for the rehabilitation of a spinning mill and an agricultural college built with Soviet help in the 1960s, Radio Uganda said Saturday.

It was believed to be the largest single offer of bilateral aid to this East African nation since President Milton Obote returned to power in December 1980 after more than eight years of rule by dictator Idi Amin.

Most of the other major grants and credits to Uganda have been multilateral, involving the European Economic Community, the World Bank or the International Monetary Fund.

It was also the first time the Soviets have come to Uganda's aid since Amin was ousted and chased into exile in April 1979.

Nepal's rice farmers up in arms against price control policy

KATMANDU, March 6 (Depthnews) — The government fixed the price of paddy rice in a move it thought would protect farmers from the exploitation of middlemen, but the decision quickly ran into torrent of criticism.

It set the minimum price of coarse paddy at 178 rupees per quintal and the fine variety at 185 rupees. The price control policy was the government's answer to mounting protests by paddy farmers that they are forced to sell their products to middlemen at very low prices.

But as it turned out, the government-fixed rates were much lower than the prevailing market prices of the commodity. Instead of working to the advantage of the paddy farmers, the price control law worked in favor of the middlemen.

"Nothing seems to work right for the paddy farmers anymore. Even the government has become a co-conspirator of the middlemen against us," a disgruntled farmer said.

Criticisms of the government price control policy come from several quarters. "What is the logic behind the minimum 178 rupees price per quintal for coarse paddy when the market price is 200 rupees per quintal?" asked another farmer.

Prakash Chandra Arjyal, a senior economist at the Agricultural Project Research Center in Katmandu, said:

"The government's support price policy has made little impact on the market because it has failed to provide succor to the farmers in time of falling market prices, nor has it helped stabilize rice prices." He said the government's price policy was both illogical and unscientific because it did not take into consideration the actual cost of paddy production.

Because of the long drought that hit the country, the cost of paddy production went up several times this year compared to that of last year. In 1982, the cost of rice production was estimated at 131.68 rupees to 136.50 rupees per quintal in the hills, and 103.85 to 122.10 rupees in the flatlands of Terai. But because of poor weather this year, production cost shot up to 140 to 150 rupees per quintal.

But even if the floor price of paddy were acceptable to the farmers, the government is not in a position to enforce it. Arjyal said there is no government agency in charge of buying the commodity from farmers at state-fixed prices.

"A price control policy implies that the government is committed to enforce it, not only on the basis of its police authority, but also through an agency that would buy the product at the authorized price levels regardless of the volume of rice farmers want to sell. But in this case, there are no government buying units, and farmers are forced to sell to

middlemen at prices lower than that mandated by the government," he said.

Criticisms of the price policy are directed against its timing as well. Arjyal argued that the government's decision should have been made known before the sowing and planting season to enable the farmers to devise the most economical cropping methods. He said this would have saved the farmers from spending too much on farm inputs which they cannot now recoup because of the low prices of paddy.

"The farmers are boxed in. They cannot sell their products at government prices without incurring heavy losses. At the same time, they cannot hold on to their harvest because that's their only source of hard currency," he added.

A study made in the Parsa district showed that farmers sell about 73 percent of their paddy production immediately after the harvest season because they are hardpressed for cash.

"The timing of a price control policy is vitally important to the welfare of the farmers," Arjyal said.

He said that in the case of the current price control regulation, its imposition during the harvest season, coupled with the lack of a government procurement mechanism, was greatly disadvantageous to the farmers.

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8.	Kris Coral	Kanoo	Bag Food/Barley	5.3.83
9.	Al Farabi	SSMSC	Bulk Oil	5.3.83
11.	Good Herald 1	A.E.T.	Bagged Feed/Gen.	2.3.83
12.	Waheed	Abdullah	Containers/Gen.	3.3.83
14N	Keifu Maru	O.C.E.	Apples/Pears	3.3.83
14S	Reefier Giulia	O.C.E.	Lemons/Apples	4.3.83
15.	Tunisian Reefer	O.C.E.	Frozen Lamb	28.2.83
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19.	Sagr Yanbu	Al Sebah	Bulk Cement	1.3.83
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22.	Saudi Jamal	M.E.S.A.	Gen./Poles	28.2.83
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25.	Futami Maru	Alireza	Steel Pipe	4.3.83
27.	Kota Wangi	O.C.E.	Bagged Food/Gen.	2.3.83
28.	Mavro Vetranc	O.C.E.	Sorghum/Maize	4.3.83
32.	Africa Freezer	O.C.E.	Reefer	28.2.83
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27.	Cesari	Saita	Bag Flour	6.3.83
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Ahead of Virginia conference

3rd World preparing fiscal plan

NEW DELHI, March 6 (AFP) — Nonaligned countries, crushed by the world economic crisis, will try at their summit opening here Monday to hammer out a detailed action program ahead of the two major international conferences scheduled this spring.

Their efforts come amid fears by some here that the current upheaval in the world oil markets could limit the ability of nonaligned oil producers to pour much-needed petrodollars into development projects. Leaders of the 97-member movement, representing roughly the poorest half of humanity, hope to

come out with a strategy credible enough to impress the industrialized powers meeting in Williamsburg, Virginia, this May.

The nonaligned nations also are seeking to lay the foundation for the launching of urgent new initiatives by the sixth United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) slated to convene this June in Belgrade. The summit will take up a three-pronged program of short- and medium-term action drafted by host India to ease the plight of the world's poorer cousins, hit by declining revenues, lagging production and mounting

debts now totaling some \$600 billion.

The program includes a package of immediate measures to inject new life into Third World economies, efforts to revive the stalemate North-South dialogue and a serious attempt to launch South-South cooperation among developing countries.

There were also indications the summit might call for a new conference similar to the 1981 North-South summit in Cancun, Mexico, or send a top-level delegation to several industrialized powers to drum up development assistance. Support was also growing at the summit here for calls to include the Eastern bloc countries among the "developed" world rather than count on the Western industrialized nations alone to cure the Third World's ills.

Nonaligned nations are also expected to again consider, with some variations, several proposals already floated, particularly by the "Group of 77" developing countries now chaired by Bangladesh. Among them are calls for boosting public development aid, renegotiation of debts, a near doubling of International Monetary Fund (IMF) assistance to \$120 billion in special drawing rights, efforts to promote Third World exports, early ratification of the common fund agreement for new materials and an increase in international emergency food reserves from 500,000 to 750,000 tons.

The Indian proposals also include the immediate convening of an international conference aimed at "radically reforming" the Bretton Woods system that gave birth to the IMF and World Bank after World War II.

The nonaligned nations appear divided on their approach to restarting the North-South talks, which remain the movement's no. 1 priority. Algeria is seeking a two-stage strategy which would launch complementary action next year to stimulate economic growth in developing countries followed by efforts in 1985 to restructure international economic relations. Some delegations consider the approach too "fragmentary."

The notion of South-South cooperation is relatively new in the Third World where a wide gap exists among developing countries in terms of per capita income, trade and technology. For example a country like India, barred from any major penetration in Western industrial markets because of a relative lack of knowhow, could take its business to Africa where it has traditional ties.

Mill strike in Bombay to end this week

NEW DELHI, March 6 (AFP) — Some 250,000 Bombay textile workers on strike for 15 months may return to work this week, federal Trade Minister Viswanath Pratap Singh said here Sunday.

The minister said the workers would be paid end-of-year bonuses for both last year and the year before, plus a special amount of \$150. He added that 120,000 workers had already decided to go back to work.

The move was a major concession on the part of the authorities as it was earlier announced that those who were on strike on Dec. 31 would be considered sacked.

Singh admitted negotiations were continuing to work out the new salary scales and social benefits such as rent allowance. He said the government was not planning to nationalize the textile mills but all salary and social measures would be enforced regardless of the reluctance of the employers.

Thailand, Nepal sign health pact

KATMANDU, March 6 (AP) — Thailand and Nepal signed a memorandum of understanding on joint cooperation between the two countries in the health sector here Saturday.

The memorandum was signed by Amunay Yossuck, deputy minister of public health of Thailand and Nepal's minister of state for health, Arjun Narasingh. Thailand's Deputy Prime Minister Thongyod Chittavera, who led the delegation, said after the signing ceremony that "we have strengthened our relations with this understanding."

Thongyod Chittavera, who arrived here Wednesday, was granted an audience by King Birendra of Nepal Friday at the royal palace. He also called on Prime Minister Surya Bahadur Thapa and had discussions with Finance Minister Dr. Yadav Prashad Pant and other officials.

Taiwan said leading textile supplier to U.S.

TAIPEI, March 6 (CNA) — According to statistics of the United States Department of Commerce, the Republic of China (Taiwan) now leads Hong Kong as the biggest textiles supplier to the American market. But the leading trend might be only short-lived. The *Asian Wall Street Journal* reports.

The paper says American traders attributed the rapid increase in the Republic of China's export to the changes of habits among American consumers. To accommodate American consumers and their changes of taste, the Republic of China has been allocated larger quotas and varieties of garments.

Financial Roundup

Riyal rates remain stable

By J.H. Hammond

JEDDAH, March 6 — The local markets were extremely dull and thin on the Sunday exchanges with dealers leaving by early afternoon. The absence of the Bahrain based OBU's — offshore banking units — was also another factor in making the markets remain dull and directionless. Riyal deposit rates were generally stable and in fact firmed by around ¼ percent to take the one week rate to 6 ¾ - 7 ½ percent and the one month period to 7 ½ - 7 ¾ percent levels. Longer dated funds were hardly dealt with the markets concentrating in the shorter tenors and mostly in the overnight markets with rates trading around the 6 ¾ -

7 percent level. Local dealers were reluctant to deal in the longer tenors because of the relatively volatile movements in both Eurodollar and deposit rates over the weekend as U.S. administration view about the prospects for U.S. dollar interest rates seemed to change yet again. The trend seemed to be on the downturn but there have been some erratic upward movements over the weekend as the latest U.S. weekly money supply figures showed a \$3.6 billion rise in the M1 series. Still, the expectations locally are for rates to remain relatively stable around the 7 ½ percent level. The exchanges were stable at 3.4400-05 levels with little active interbank trading being seen.

Amid market pessimism

French video festival opens

PARIS, March 6 (AFP) — The French sound and video festival opened here Sunday amid pessimism about the state of the French market for videotape recorders, which boomed during the last two years, but is depressed following the government's controversial import restrictions.

In October, the government announced that all videotape recorders (VTR's) would have to be processed through the central town of Poitiers, and the inflow of units has since been slowed to a trickle. Ninety percent of these imports came from Japan, and now the Japanese — and even European manufacturers — are taking a cautious line toward a market subject to such sudden trading conditions.

Producers of pre-recorded video cassette films have reduced their sales targets, while the atmosphere of general uncertainty has caused consumers to worry about which standard — VHS, Betamax or V2,000 — they should buy. The market is also awaiting the outcome of talks on manufacturing by the European companies of Thomson and Grundig. More than 80 percent of French consumers have so far gone for the Japanese VHS standard, but an agreement between the European firms could affect this preference.

China, New Zealand to boost trade

PEKING, March 6 (AFP) — China and New Zealand have decided to take measures to stimulate development of their trade and economic cooperation, the New China News Agency reported Sunday.

The agency said the decision was made during talks between visiting New Zealand Minister for Foreign Affairs and Overseas Trade Warren Cooper and Chinese External Trade Minister Mrs. Chen Mubua. The two officials said they were satisfied with results

as Grundig favors the Philips V2,000 system. Some consumers are holding back because of reports that a new universal 8mm standard will soon be launched, although the most optimistic informed observers do not expect portable units to be available within five years.

The French market had been doubting annually, with 250,000 units sold in 1980 and 500,000 in 1981. The trend was expected to continue for five years. Between January and October last year, sales were running at a monthly average of 64,000 units, but since the Poitiers measures were introduced, sales have fallen to 24,600 in November and 13,120 in December.

In addition, the authorities have imposed an annual tax of \$70 on VTR's, payable from Jan. 1 this year. Apart from this, a license fee is paid on the television required for showing video films. For the 50 percent of VTR users who are workers or retired, this is a sizable sum.

If, despite these difficulties, French consumers decide to buy, they will have difficulty finding a full range of models. Two major store chains have stocks of only five of the 20 models normally on the shelves.

Kirkpatrick wants increased U.S. aid for Central America

NEW YORK, March 6 (AFP) — The United States should draw up something like the Marshall Plan for Central America to combat Soviet inspired subversion, the U.S. representative to the United Nations Jeane Kirkpatrick said in an interview published here Sunday.

Mrs. Kirkpatrick, who made a nine-day tour of Central America last month, told *The New York Times* the government should "seriously consider development assistance" for the region on the scale of the Marshall Plan, which poured in aid to reconstruct postwar Western Europe. During her trip, she met leaders in Panama, Costa Rica, Honduras, El Salvador and Venezuela.

She reported back to President Ronald

Reagan that "there was widespread concern about the level of Soviet long-range investments in the region, and the low level of apparent U.S. interests and involvement." She spoke of "very large Soviet efforts" in the form of cultural and education programs and said the air waves were "saturated with propaganda from Nicaragua and a Salvadoran guerrilla radio station."

The region's longer term problems were economic, educational and cultural, she said. The United States had done nothing to match the program and bursaries being offered by the Soviets.

She said the United States had attempted to use its strength to influence events many times since World War II including Vietnam which cost dear in human and social terms.

Alleges racket

Kenya losing \$5.3m in miraa export

NAIROBI, March 6 (AFP) — Kenya is losing \$500,000 a month through a racket involving illegal export of miraa, a natural stimulant plant, to Somalia, *The Sunday Standard* newspaper reported here.

The paper quoted former Kenyan Assistant Housing Minister A.S. Khalif as saying that some senior civil servants in northeastern province, bordering Somalia, were involved in the racket.

Appealing to the Kenyan government to take immediate action against those concerned, Khalif estimated that the country was

currently losing \$5.3 million annually through fraudulent pricing and non-compliance with customs requirements.

Khalif said the current market price of miraa in Kenya was \$40 per bag, but exporters only quoted \$3 per bag on customs forms.

Khalif also accused exporters of failing to repatriate to Kenya their revenues from the sale of miraa to Somalia. Miraa, which is chewed, is grown in the Meru district of eastern Kenya and is widely used as a stimulant by Somali-speaking people in Kenya, Somalia and Djibouti, where it is known as qat.

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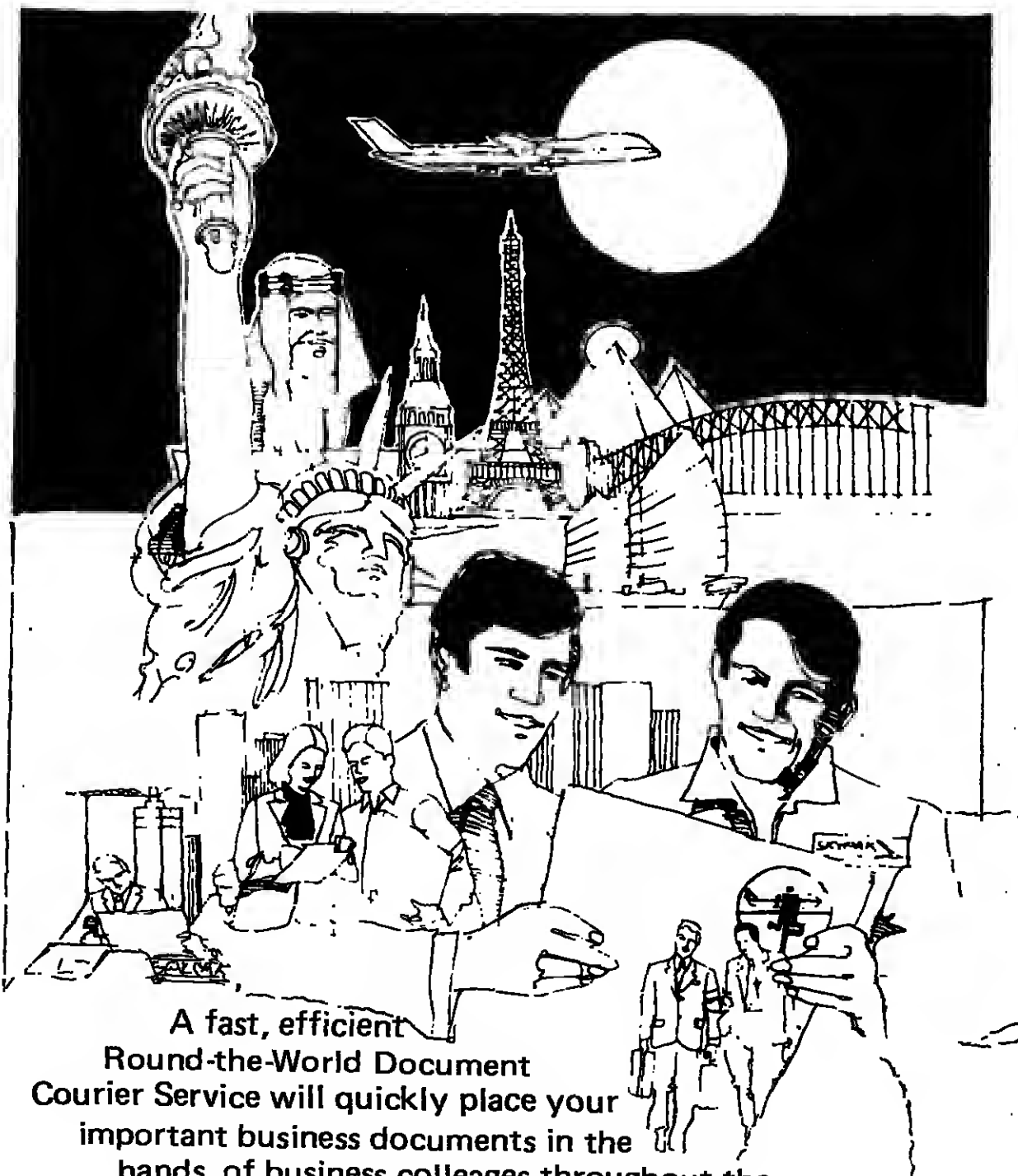
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Illiterates retarding Europe's progress

By Robert Wieland

ANTWERP, Belgium (AP) — Maria still hears the taunting of her fourth grade classmates. Unable to keep up with them, she sat in the back for two weeks, then quit school — 12 years old, the youngest in a rural farming family of a dozen offspring.

She became a maid at a rich folks mansion and stayed for 20 years, then worked hard at another household for 20 more years.

One election day she worked at a polling station, a job for which private citizens are drafted in Belgium.

"I just sat there," Maria, a frail, bespectacled woman with short, graying hair, recalled recently. "After a while the head of the polling station told me, 'Maria' you'd better go home. We cannot use you here if you cannot read or write."

Today, Maria learns how to read and write in weekly adult education classes. She is 52. Five of her brothers and sisters are illiterate, too. They are not alone, even in a part of the world that includes itself among the most highly developed.

In 1982, a European Parliament report estimated that "between 4 and 6 percent of the population, meaning 10 to 15 million persons, are illiterate" in the 10 European Community (EC) nations.

It considered as illiterates people who cannot read or write at all or not well enough to "function fully in society."

The report indicated that illiteracy occurs on a significant scale in the northern EC nations — not only in the poorer southern nations — and that illiterates include native Europeans, people like Maria, as well as immigrants.

The report is based on information from the 10 EC governments, which was little and incomplete. The EC's executive commission in Brussels keeps no records of illiteracy, since education is a national, rather than community responsibility in the EC.

Until recently illiteracy was said to be non-existent by most governments, who feared it reflected poorly on the quality of their schools, said Phil Viehoff, a Dutch Socialist and author of the parliamentary report.

An Associated Press survey of eight EC nations found all recognize illiteracy exist, with one exception. "There is no illiteracy in Denmark," said Birgit Kure, an education department official.

Alan Wells, spokesman for the Adult Literacy and Basic Skills Unit, a private group based in London, estimated 2 million British adults are illiterate. This is 6 percent of the population.

Illiterates number 2.5 million in Italy (5.2 percent of the population), one million (2 percent) in France, 1.4 million (3 percent) in Germany, 2.4 million (24 percent) in Greece, 375,000 (2.5 percent) in Poland and 400,000 (4 percent) in Belgium, according to officials in these countries.

Because the study of illiteracy is so recent, Viehoff said her estimate of between 10 and 15 million illiterates is "very conservative. It almost certainly understates the true situation."

"A high degree of rejection rests on those unable to read or write," said Bert Deruyck. He heads a mostly volunteer Belgian program to teach reading and writing skills to people such as Maria. About 800 persons, a fraction of Belgium's illiterate Belgians are enrolled in such classes in about 30 cities. Classes of about six students deal with everyday items such as recipes, traffic signs and shopping lists.

Belgium's literacy program has an annual budget of \$75,000 a year, a fraction of overall education spending. Figures from other EC nations are hard to come by.

Wells estimated England spends \$10 million on adult education programs a year, or 0.007 percent of its education budget. Italy spends \$8.5 million a year on literacy programs. The Greek government funds no such programs and French officials were unable to provide a figure.

Holland spent \$4.8 million last year and West Germany, a government spokesman said, has just launched a three-year, \$800,000 adult literacy program. In addition German states and cities finance small, evening literacy classes in about 200 colleges, he added.

Helping the illiterates is made tougher by the fact that they are hard to find. "They are constantly at pains to conceal their illiteracy," said Viehoff, the European Parliament member.

In her report, she wrote: "It may be assumed a continuing recession and rising unemployment will worsen matters considerably."

Within a few years, Spain and Portugal are due to join the EC.

Archaeologists dazzled Art treasures, gold from Egyptian graves

By Dr. Herald Steiner

BONN (DF) — The wealth of art treasures and gold yielded up by Egyptian graves — testimony of the high cultural standard enjoyed by the upper social classes — has dazzled archaeologists for centuries — and to such an extent that they forgot about the evidence of day-to-day life: this is to be found primarily in the pottery which was mass-produced in ancient Egypt to a degree unknown in other countries.

Clay was not only the most important work material for household utensils of every description in ancient Egypt — plates, cups, beakers, pots — and not only for numerous sculptures — the graves are literally packed with everything imaginable. This land had developed a highly centralized state economy in which taxes were imposed in kind and then redistributed to the population by the royal depots as payment for services rendered. It should not be forgotten that money had still not been invented when Pharaonic Egypt was in full blossom.

The smooth-running of the Egyptian empire was based on a barter-economy on a grand scale: it was possible to transport all the goods needed for daily life without too much bother over distances of hundreds of miles. As we know today, the best method for the transshipment of goods is by container — something the ancient Egyptians were also well aware of. Clay vessels served as containers for everything — salt, beans, corn, and meat. These vessels had rounded bottoms and could be transported easily in carrying nets. The taxes in kind were collected in these containers, taken to the Pharaonic warehouses and then redistributed to the Pharaoh's officials, soldiers, sailors, construction workers, stone masons and goldsmiths.

The fragility of the containers was no problem: the Pharaonic Empire was over 1000 kilometers from north to south, but spread out all along the universal traffic route — the River Nile. The gentle nature of water transport facilitated the conveyance of containers between Nubia and Alexandria. Ceramic ware was also indispensable for the "daily bread" in ancient Egypt — something which may be taken literally. Bread, the basic foodstuff, was baked in fired-clay moulds: Swiss researcher Max Wahren, calls this sort of bread *Topfbrot* (pot bread). Sometimes the moulds were reused, sometimes they were used once and thrown away. Even as late as the 60s, Egyptologists didn't know what to make of these baking-shapes and classified them as "badly-fired clay goods with a rough exterior and a very smooth interior" — until they finally realized their actual purpose.

The vast dimensions of the bakery and the necessary pots are best illustrated by the erection of the pyramids: some 10,000 to 20,000 persons were recruited for this task. They had to be fed since the money with which they could have been paid and with which they could have bought food, was still unknown. Accordingly, the workers were given 10 loaves as a basic wage; in other words, 50,000 to 100,000 loaves had to be baked daily near

the pyramid building-sites. For this tens of thousands of loaf moulds were required.

There must therefore have been gigantic "field bakeries", and "field potteries" in operation at the building-sites. There are only suggestive traces of this activity. The fact that highly rationalized mass-production methods were used can be seen from the loaf-moulds manufactured in an express process: a lump of clay was wrapped around a wooden mould, cut off at the bottom to provide a rim, daubed with fine clay on the inside, taken off after drying and put into the kiln. This method of pottery manufacture, hardly resembling the usual procedure, made it possible to turn out millions of bread-baking shapes annually for use at the pyramid building-site.

This example of the importance of pottery in every-day life in ancient Egypt proves just how essential ceramic research is for the reconstruction of the daily round. It also indicates how enormous the remains of ancient Egyptian pottery must be — which has been or still has to be unearthed — particularly when archaeology takes greater notice of every-day evidence.

True, the processing of such masses presents archaeologists with a headache. In order to process these pots as efficiently as possible, the Cairo Department of the German Archaeological Institute has, with financial support from the Volkswagen Foundation, Hannover, developed equipment which can trace the profile of vessel fragments fully automatically in order to sort, store and evaluate the archaeological finds electronically. The first experimental equipment, almost completely automated, has already been tried out — although its further development to production in series is still awaited.

The analysis of the material used in Egyptian pottery is highly promising. It consists of about nine-tenths of Nile mud which (up to the construction of the Aswan Dam) was piled up everywhere in the valley and which can be obtained from any section of the bank or irrigation dam. This Nile mud only provides "mass-produced goods", i.e. ceramic material of low strength, because of its limited lime content. The "marly clay" found on the slopes of the Nile Valley and the surrounding desert, however, has a high lime content: the hard "fine ceramic" finish was made of this marly clay.

Research is taking these two ancient Egyptian ceramic groups as the point of departure in its investigations of the economic structure of the Pharaonic Empire in which pottery was manufactured under 30 dynasties. First, the experts will have to familiarize themselves with the workshops to discover the pottery styling centers, the economic focal areas and the transport routes.

Analysis of the marly clays promises to provide great enlightenment since there are considerable differences in the composition of the raw materials. Examination has already revealed that the raw materials were not taken from two specific places, as assumed hitherto, but from all along the Nile.

High-finance biotechnology

MANILA (Depthnews) — Sime Darby, the Malaysian-controlled plantation giant, has branched out into biotechnology, or isolating plant genes and combining them with other genes to produce a more desirable variety.

The current focus of research in two Sime Darby Laboratories in Kuala Lumpur is to develop varieties of cassava and maize suited to large-scale cultivation in the humid tropical climate of Southeast Asia. It is believed that rising incomes of the region will lead to a

rapid increase in the demand for meat and other animal products, with a corresponding requirement for animal feeds.

Cassava is a major export crop for Thailand, while maize is grown over large areas of Indonesia, the Philippines and Thailand with several million tons exported in good years.

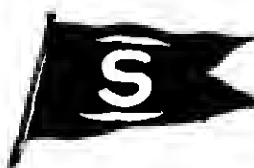
The problem is that yields of both crops are low. What Sime hopes to do is to use biotechnology to find plant types which will yield better in the soils and climates of the region.

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TOMB OFFERINGS: These pottery jugs once contained offerings of food and other daily items buried with the deceased in ancient Egypt.

Ghana fights to end cheap power

By Patrick Bishop

ACCRA (LOS) — The water that rushes through the turbines of the Akosombo dam on the River Volta in southern Ghana has for the past 20 years provided an American aluminum company with some of the cheapest electricity in the world.

A remarkable agreement signed in 1962 allows Valco even today to continue paying the Ghanaian government a minuscule five-and-a-half "mils" for every kilowatt hour of power for its smelter — a mil being a thousandth of a U.S. dollar.

The rate is a fifth that usually paid by other producers in Third World countries and Ghanaians themselves pay 30 mils an hour.

Last month the first round of a battle to force the company to pay more drew to a close in Accra. According to government figures, raising the rate to a proposed 25 mils will provide a desperately needed increase in annual revenue of about \$85 million.

The Valco deal has provided controversy since it was signed by the Nkrumah government. It gives the company, which is owned by the ailing American Aluminum Kaiser Corporation, a right to buy electricity at a fixed rate for 30 years, with a further 20-year option on similar terms after that.

The price has always been widely regarded in Ghana as scandalously low, and it was quickly realized that the deal tied the state to the company for practically the entire working life of the dam.

Government pressure over the years edged the price up to double the original figure, and the arrival back in power 14 months ago of Flight Lt. Jerry Rawlings, whose regime is pledged to eradicate inequities in dealings with foreign companies, produced a new hunger for settlement.

Neither side, however, is negotiating from a particularly strong position. Running at full tilt, Valco consumes 65 percent of the dam's electricity output, which feeds the whole of Ghana as well as partly supplying neighboring Togo and Benin.

Lately though the plant has been requiring less power. Reflecting the state of the aluminum market, production has fallen and Valco says that, despite an after-tax profit of \$27 million in 1981, the liquidity problems of its parent company mean it cannot afford a substantial increase. It also argues that Ghana's absurdly overvalued currency means it is paying far more than the ostensible rate.

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Wheels of the Filipino irrigation system start moving still faster

By Ian Steele

NEW YORK (Depthnews) — The approval of a \$83 million loan to the Philippines last November has opened the door to development project of pioneering proportions.

The International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) and the World Bank have agreed to short-circuit the "trickle-down" philosophy in Washington by providing \$12 million and \$71 million, respectively. This will cover the construction and rehabilitation of communal irrigation works run by 24,000 of the nation's poorest rural families.

Manila is backing the project with a contribution of \$33.7 million. The government hopes that this financial noninvolvement to the nation's grass roots will not only raise the living standards of the poor but will enable the country to feed itself when the population swells to a projected 61 million in 1990 and 75 million by the turn of the century.

While the balance of supply and demand for rice has swung slightly in favor of supply over the past five years, the major contributing factor has been the use of high-yielding varieties, coupled with favorable weather and investments in irrigated and rainfed lands.

According to figures released by IFAD and the World Bank, the current level of investment in agriculture will however be no match for population growth. They warned that

unless vigorous efforts are made to accelerate rice production there will be deficits of about 507,000 tons in 1990 and 674,000 tons in 1995.

The report which accompanies the agencies' initiative, notes that most of the land which is not planted to rice, has been given to major export crops like sugar, coconuts, abaca, pineapples and tobacco. But due to the limited possibility of expanding the crop-lands, the future will rest on the Filipino ability to farm more intensively and boost its yield per hectare.

With about 70 percent of the population living in rural areas and half of all rural households earning incomes below the "absolute poverty level" of \$195 a year, progress will demand major gains in rural prosperity. And this is what the loan aims to accomplish.

The report observes that most efforts to improve the country's irrigation have until now been concentrated on national irrigation systems which are expected to cover some 800,000 hectares by 1985. The national systems support average holdings of 3,000 hectares and are constructed, operated and maintained for large holders by the government.

The communal irrigation network, on the other hand, supports average holdings of about 100 hectares and are owned, operated and maintained by the farmers through the "Irrigators' Associations." More than 70

percent of them were built 20 years ago and most are in need of improvement. But despite their poverty, these farmers produce about 40 percent of the nation's rice on 550,000 hectares of land and have a number of advantages over the national system.

Surveys have shown that 5,700 communal systems in the Philippines benefit large numbers of small farmers located in poor and remote areas. However, the smaller communal works can be built within one to three years and have a much faster impact on production. The farmers also assume responsibility for their organization and management, thereby reducing the drain on the national budget.

The 1981-90 loan project proposal envisages the rehabilitation of 222,000 hectares of communal irrigation and 312,000 hectares of new construction by the National Irrigation Authority (NIA). Almost 40 pilot projects involving the IFAD and World Bank over the past five years are reported to have shown that this "participatory approach" had resulted in systems that were better designed and constructed than those developed by either the NIA or the farmers working on their own.

The 24,000 farm families in the project target group have land holdings ranging from less than one hectare to 1.8 hectares. Because their yields are low and their income small, most have to resort to other employment during the year.

Global drive to save kids in 3rd World

BILTHOVEN, Netherlands (AP) — Robert McNamara, ex-president of the World Bank and former U.S. secretary of defense, has launched an international campaign to stamp out polio and five other major childhood diseases in underdeveloped nations.

The campaign aims at eradicating polio, tuberculosis, tetanus, diphtheria, whooping cough and measles in more than 100 Third World countries by the end of the decade through an ambitious immunization program for infants.

McNamara announced the formation of a coordinating committee to carry out the drive at a symposium here devoted to means of fighting high infant mortality rates in developing countries.

The former U.S. official will be joined on the committee by American microbiologist Jonas Salk, who developed the anti-polio vaccine, former president of Senegal Leopold Senghor and H.F. Van den Hoven, chairman of the Dutchunilever Company. The committee will work in conjunction with UNICEF and the World Health Organization (WHO) and serve as a "catalyst" to get the immunization program under way. McNamara told a news conference.

"It's a disgrace to the human race if we allow this to go on any longer," he added, declaring that one out of five children in developing countries die each year before the age of five and a majority of them do not live to their first birthday because of widespread disease.

An estimated \$400 million would be needed annually for the immunization program, which would be raised through development funds from industrial nations and private sources, McNamara said. Local administration would be carried out by nations benefiting under the program.

Dr. Salk, who also attended the symposium given under the auspices of the Dutch Save the Children Fund and State Institute of Public Health, said the vaccinations could be handled on a large scale because of recent advances in the immunization field. He said only two vaccinations would be required for each child, preferably within one year, to prevent any of the six diseases from occurring.

The campaign "will bring the developing world up to the 20th and 21st century conditions of health care" in the industrialized world, Salk added.

A favorable side effect of stamping out childhood disease in the Third World, Salk and McNamara pointed out, would be an eventual moderation in population increase. Salk explained that now, families in disease-ridden nations have more children as a safeguard because the mortality rate is so high. That attitude, he said, would change with an effective immunization program.



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New look inside human body

By Earl Ubell

NEW JERSEY — Peering through a tube inserted near the naval of a pregnant patient, Dr. Karen Filkins, at University Hospital in Newark, New Jersey, says: "I can see the mouth, and there's the jaw. And the eye. It's perfect."

Filkins has inserted a flexible rod into her patient's womb to look directly at the unborn fetus, checking for deformity.

To examine the fetus, Filkins relied on fiber optics: thousands of tiny glass fibers, each 0.01116 millimeters thick. Each fiber carries a narrow pencil of light.

With fiber optics, doctors operate on

unborn babies. At Yale Medical School, in Connecticut, they have drained a blocked bladder that could destroy the kidneys. Others have transfused new blood to the fetus.

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In the future, scientists hope to use the new technology to look directly into the beating heart to see the valves. (Courtesy, Parade)

ASPIRIN: FRIEND, NOT AN ENEMY



Dr. Peter J. Steincrohn M.D., F.A.C.P.

Dear Dr. Steincrohn: I've become especially sensitive to taking medicines because of all the warnings I hear and read about. As a result, I suffer what I consider needless pains. For example, I've taken aspirin for years. As many as 10-12 tablets a day, if necessary. Now that I've switched to other medicines, I find I do not feel as well. I have another fear. What to do about aspirin when my children and teenagers come down with a cold? I used to give them aspirin. Now, another danger looms — Reye's syndrome. I haven't read much about it lately. What does the profession think of this problem? — Mrs. G.

Dear Mrs. G.: Aspirin is still the friend — not an enemy — of mankind. It's true that there has been confusion lately about its potential side effects. But I think they've been overplayed. First, let's consider aspirin and your rheumatic aches and pains. If your doctors have found no specific reason why you should quit aspirin, be thankful you can still keep taking it. If you had asthma or bleeding tendencies, I might recommend that you be cautious. Otherwise, consider it a godsend. I admit there has been much confusion about the relationship between aspirin and Reye's syndrome. As this may occasionally become a fatal illness, there's reason enough for wondering about its use. Authorities differ about its application in youngsters. Yet, I think the cautious attitude suggested by the Academy of Pediatrics, for example, be respected. Children who have chicken pox or the flu are more likely to have Reye's complications from taking aspirin. Instead, when a child has fever, try "sponging it off" — or use other medications as substitutes for aspirin. Ask your doctor, Mrs. G.

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For Mrs. D.: There is potential danger in trying to lose weight too fast — living on extremely low-calorie diets. Some fatalities have been reported. Why not slow up? What's your hurry?

Dear Dr. Steincrohn: My wife is a waitress. She works quite hard to support the family. Since my accident, I've been more or less an invalid. She needs a hysterectomy. But she plans to be at work within two weeks after her operation. Is this time enough for healing? — Mr. T.

Dear Mr. T.: I realize she is under pressure to get back to work as soon as she can. However, by reporting to work too soon, she may be delaying total recovery and may defeat her own purpose. After hysterectomy, especially the abdominal type, she should plan on at least six weeks of convalescence. (Tomorrow: Always feeling sleepy?)

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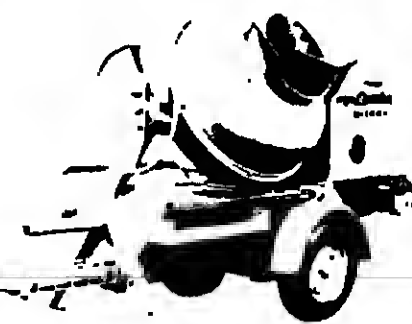
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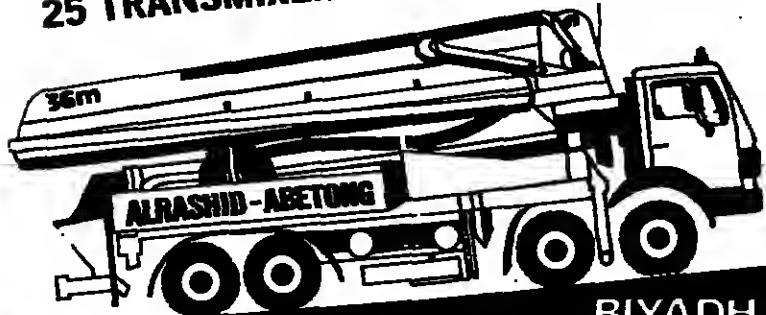
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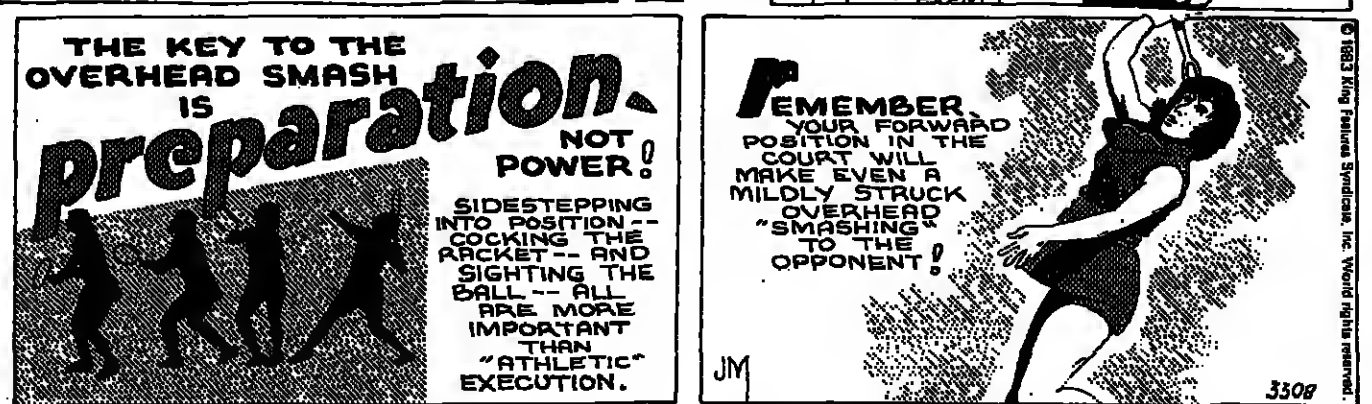
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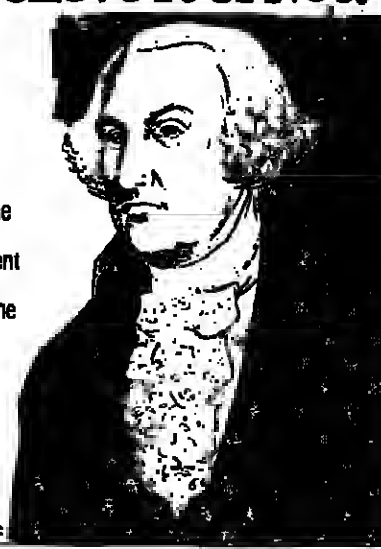
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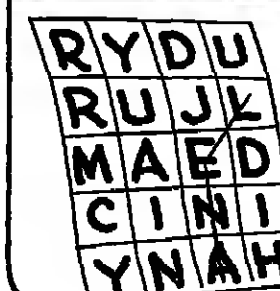
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House ransacked, leader missing Nkomo driver said shot dead by troops

BULAWAYO, Zimbabwe, March 6 (AP) — Government soldiers searching for arms in the home of opposition leader Joshua Nkomo shot dead, "without provocation," one of his chauffeurs and smashed windows in two of his cars, Nkomo's aides said Sunday.

Yona Ncube, in his mid-40s, was shot by the troops at about 1730 local time (1530 GMT) Saturday outside Nkomo's fenced, white hangar in the Pelendaba black township, said aides, who requested anonymity.

"It was without provocation," said one. "There was no reason for it." The battle-dressed soldiers smashed windows in two of Nkomo's cars that were parked outside the house, the aides said.

There was no comment from police. Nor was there any official comment on witnesses' reports that at least two other civilian men were shot and killed when troops and paramilitary police Saturday threw a dragnet around Bulawayo's black townships and mounted house-to-house searches, detaining hundreds of men for questioning.

Police sources said the operation was aimed at hunting down armed dissidents and locating weapons caches. Nkomo's whereabouts was a mystery Sunday. "I haven't any idea where he is," said Josiah Chinamano, vice president of Nkomo's Zimbabwean African People's Union Party. "It's somewhat worrying."

Lawyers for Nkomo said he was safe and had not been detained. Aides said Nkomo had been in bed with a flu when the soldiers searched his house Saturday. By nightfall, after the searches had left, his house was in darkness and his bodyguards were not in sight.

Hanoi offers negotiations

NEW DELHI, March 6 (AFP) — Vietnamese Foreign Minister Nguyen Co Thach Sunday proposed unconditional talks between the Indochinese bloc and the non-Communist Association of Southeast Asian nations (ASEAN) either collectively or bilaterally to discuss issues confronting Southeast Asia.

In an exclusive interview with Agence France-Presse, he said Vietnam or Laos could represent the Indochinese side, in view of ASEAN's refusal to have anything to do with the pro-Hanoi Phnom Penh government. ASEAN could be represented by one of its five member states, he added.

He said such a meeting could discuss "all problems" relating to peace, independence and security in Southeast Asia. But Thach ruled out any representation from Cambodia's anti-Vietnamese tripartite coalition government headed by Prince Norodom Sihanouk, whom he dismissed as "a stooge."

The Vietnamese foreign minister, attending the nonaligned conference here, also claimed Vietnamese and Cambodian government forces could, "overnight," wipe out guerrilla pockets on the Thai-Cambodian border. "But this would involve hot-pursuit by our forces and we do not want to adopt this policy," he said.

Thach said the pro-Chinese Khmer Rouge forces posed no threat to the Heng Samrin regime and said their strength, claimed to be 20,000 to 30,000 was "highly exaggerated."

Agents' deaths shock Elizabeth

YOSEMITE, California, March 6 (R) — Britain's Queen Elizabeth, shocked and saddened by the deaths of three U.S. secret service agents who had guarded her and Prince Philip, will send messages of sympathy to their families, a British spokesman said.

The agents were killed in a road collision while driving to join the security force protecting the royal couple during their weekend stay in Yosemite National Park, in central California. The agents were 20 minutes ahead of the royal party when they were involved in a head-on collision with a police car 15 kilometers east of the old gold rush town of Coulterville.

The queen's motorcade of 18 cars had to make a detour because of the accident, the scene of which was visible to the royal couple. The body of one of the agents was lying by the side of the wrecked car. The two cars collided while approaching in opposite directions, a spokesman for the California highway patrol (police) force said.

He said a preliminary investigation indicated the patrol car, in which two sheriff's deputies were hurt, crossed a central dividing line in wet weather. One of the agents was later released from hospital.

The secret service agents had guarded Queen Elizabeth and Prince Philip during their visit to the United States and one had been assigned to protect the prince when he went to receptions alone.

Queen Elizabeth looked solemn when she stopped at the park's inspiration point to gaze across a canyon to the sheer rock face of the 7,569-foot (2,307 meters) El Capitan Mountain.

A spokesman for the local sheriff's force, Lt. Jerry Neil, said that 10 minutes after the accident the force received a telephone call warning them that a man with a rifle had been seen near the royal route. He described the call as a hoax.

Once bitten, twice friendly

SHARJAH, March 6 (R) — Indian Abu Tayil was back in a cage with 250 cobras Sunday despite being bitten as he tried to beat the world snake-sitting record.

Sponsors said Tayil, 32, from Kerala, had survived a bite Saturday night by a snake frightened by a camera flash and was treated in hospital overnight as the often-lethal venom was close to his brain. He entered the tiny glass cage with the snakes last Thursday.

Tayil, challenging the world snake-sitting record held by a fellow Indian, Tom Nambi, who spent 100 days with 152 cobras in February 1981, said when re-entering the cage: "I don't blame the snake. These cobras are my friends. They wouldn't harm me intentionally. We have asked people not to use camera flash."

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Eurocommunists sit on the fence over missile issue

LONDON, March 6 (AP) — Most of Western Europe's Communist parties, far from being Moscow's mouthpiece in the East-West debate over the deployment of nuclear missiles, are skeptical of both sides.

Some even see merit in the Western disarmament stance, including French Communist leader Georges Marchais, who believes NATO missiles should be deployed if arms talks with the Russians fail. Except for France and Italy, the Communist parties in Western Europe have little political power.

Although they take the nuclear issue seriously, the most vociferous anti-nuclear opposition comes from peace groups, often allied with the church. The nuclear debate has intensified as the North Atlantic Treaty Organization moves toward its December deadline to begin deployment of 572 Pershing-2 and Tomahawk cruise missiles in Western Europe.

The only thing that would halt NATO plans is progress in the Geneva missile talks between the United States and the Soviet Union, which began 16 months ago. The United States, with NATO agreement, has proposed scrapping the Pershing-Cruise arsenal if the Soviets dismantle their 600 SS-20 and two other missile types targeted on Western Europe. But Moscow has rejected President Ronald Reagan's "zero option" and wants to keep at least some of its missiles pointed westward.

The Italian Communist Party, largest in the West with 1.6 million members, has come out against both Soviet and U.S. missiles in Europe. Party Secretary Enrico Berlinguer opposes NATO's plans to install 48 Cruise missiles in Comiso, Sicily, but also condemns Soviet foreign policy.

Open opposition by the party to Cruise has been sporadic, and NATO diplomats feel Italy is a secure southern anchor for the new missile force. In December, the Italian Communists, along with pacifist groups, organized a march in relays from Milan to Comiso to protest the



DISAPPEARING COAST: Violent Pacific Ocean tides continue to nibble away the coastline at Pacifica, California, forcing evacuation of much of the Pacific Skies Estates trailer park, whose front yard crumbled away.

Parleys begin on Rwandans

KAMPALA, March 6 (AFP) — Uganda and Rwanda began talks Sunday in Uganda's southwestern town of Kabale on which of the countries should take responsibility for 125,000 refugees straddling their common border.

Neither state recognizes the refugees as its own citizens, and the problem is rendered extremely complex by the virtually total lack of identity papers among these nomads who have been regularly going backward and forward across the frontier for generations.

The problem suddenly came to a head in a dramatic fashion in September and October last year, when 45,000 persons fled from Uganda into Rwanda after attacks on them notably by the youth wing of Uganda's ruling Ugandan People's Congress.

After a census the Rwandan authorities said only ten percent of them were Rwandan citizens, but the Kampala government rejected this figure, demanding a joint census not only of the 45,000 but of a further 80,000 living in camps in Uganda.

Sunday's talks, which promise to be long and difficult, will attempt to reach agreement between the two sides — which are currently far apart — on how to settle the problem, following mediation by United Nations Deputy Secretary-General Farah Abdulrahman. The discussions are being chaired by the international protection officer under the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees, P.M. Mossali.

Announcing Mossali's arrival, Uganda radio said Friday he had been assured by Ugandan Vice President Paulo Muwanga that 30,000 refugees and 70,000 head of cattle in the crowded Uganda camps would be resettled in other parts of the country while their fate was decided.

They will be moved to Kabarele district, near Fort Portal in western Uganda, but President Milton Obote warned recently that this was only a temporary measure. Uganda eventually wanted them to "go back" to Rwanda, he said.

Kampala's ease is that those people who crossed into Uganda before 1959, three years before Ugandan independence, are aliens. Those who came after that date as a result of ethnic conflict in Rwanda are refugees.

"Their children are refugees and their grandchildren will remain refugees," President Obote said. He added that his government was not proposing that aliens leave Uganda, but wondered why Rwanda could not accommodate those who had fled "after 20 years of peace."

In Rwanda's view its citizens are those who have Rwandan identity cards or refugee cards. It is not sufficient for them to speak Kinyarwanda, Rwanda's national language which is also spoken across the border, to qualify as Rwandans.

Many refugees were born in Uganda and consider themselves Ugandans, officials in Kigali, the Rwandan capital, said, noting that after World War I, part of Rwanda, then an Imperial German colony, was transferred to Uganda, then under British rule.

Rwanda is also in a delicate position as most of its trade with other countries pass through its more powerful neighbor. But on the other hand it has two reasons for not wanting the refugees which Uganda wants it to take:

One, it is already the most densely populated country in Africa, and acceptance of the "Ugandans" could bring similar demands from other countries where thousands of people of Rwandan origin are settled, notably Zaïre, Tanzania and Burundi.

Two, the return of the refugees, mainly Tutsi cattle raisers, could spark off the old conflict with the majority Hutu farmers which originally forced the exodus from 1959.

President Obote also has no reason to love those of Rwandan origin in his country. They generally resisted his return to power in 1980, and their official integration into Ugandan society would strengthen the legal or illegal opposition to his regime.

GLOBAL WEATHER									
	Min	F	Max	C	F	Max	Min	F	Max
Amsterdam	5	41	10	50	cloudy				
Bahrain	16	61	23	73	cloudy				
Bangkok	21	70	28	82	cloudy				
Berlin	9	48	15	59	cloudy				
Belgrade	2	36	10	50	cloudy				
Buenos Aires	20	68	31	88	clear				
Caracas	28	82	30	86	cloudy				
Chicago	13	55	24	75	rain				
Dublin	5	41	10	50	cloudy				
Frankfurt	2	36	8	46	fog				
Geneva	-3	27	10	50	clear				
Helsinki	-5	23	0	32	clear				
Hong Kong	10	50	17	63	clear				
Honolulu	17	63	28	82	clear				
Jakarta	24	75	32	90	rain				
Kuala Lumpur	22	72	32	90	clear				
Lima	23	73	29	73	clear				
Lisbon	13	55	23	73	clear				
London	7	45	13	55	cloudy				
Los Angeles	14	57	17	63	cloudy				
Manila	22	72	31	88	clear				
Mexico City	11	52	23	73	clear				
Miami	21	71	22	72	cloudy				
Montevideo	13	55	29	84	clear				
Montreal	-2	28	5	41	cloudy				
Moscow	-10	14	-7	19	snow				
New Delhi	11	52	19	66	cloudy				
New York	4	39	9	48	cloudy				
Nicosia	2	36	8	46	cloudy				
Oso	-4	25	7	45	cloudy				
Paris	6	43	8	46	clear				
Peking	3	37	11	52	clear				
Rio de Janeiro	38	100	23	73	cloudy				
Rome	not available								
San Francisco	11	52	15	59	cloudy				
San Juan	24	75	31	88	clear				
Santiago	12	54	30	86	clear				
Sao Paulo	27	81	22	72	cloudy				
Seoul	-2	28	8	46	clear				
Singapore	24	75	34	93	clear				
Stockholm	-1	30	5	41	clear				
Sydney	11	52	15	59	cloudy				
Tripoli	2	36	11	52	clear				
Tokyo	2	36	8	46	cloudy				
Toronto	1	34	9	48	rain				
Vancouver	1	34	10	50	clear				
Vienna	1	34	10	50	clear				

missiles. But the final leg of the march, in pouring rain, drew only a few thousand people, far below expectations.

Berlinguer took a party congress in Milan Wednesday that Soviet leader Yuri V. Andropov's December proposals to include French and British missiles in the overall count were "positive" and a basis for negotiation. But French party leader Marchais said last week that France's independent missile force should not be counted. "Our position," Marchais said, "is no Pershings, no Cruises, and no SS-20s." The solution, Marchais said, lay between the zero option and Soviet proposals.

Marchais heads the West's second biggest Communist Party, but with a diminished membership of less than 1 million. The French party is the only one sharing government responsibilities, with four ministers in Socialist President Francois Mitterrand's cabinet. Marchais said he equally supports Mitterrand's position that NATO missiles should be deployed if the Geneva talks fall through.

France, whose military forces are not integrated within NATO, is not scheduled to receive any of the new NATO rockets, but is staunchly building up its own force of land, air and submarine-based nuclear weapons, without significant domestic opposition.

Communist Party spokesman Ton Van Hoek in the Netherlands said the basic party position is "get rid of all nuclear weapons." The Dutch party has strong ties with the nation's three major peace movements, two of which are Protestant and Catholic.

In Britain, where the major anti-missile movement is led by Roman Catholic priest Bruce Kent, the Communist Party has little following. Its organ, *The Morning Star*, says "any serious proposal for arms reduction must insure that neither the Soviet Union nor the U.S. finds its security threatened." The Belgian Communist Party is against all missiles in Europe, which it calls the "real" zero option.

For strangulated hernia Barbie undergoes surgery

LYON, France, March 6 (AP) — Nazi war criminal Klaus Barbie underwent an emergency operation for a hernia Sunday after being rushed to a Lyon hospital from the prison where he has been awaiting trial on charges of crimes against humanity, sources said.

The sources said the 69-year-old Barbie was "urgently" transferred by ambulance and under heavy police guard to Edouard-Herriot Hospital in eastern Lyon.

Known in France as "the butcher of Lyon," Barbie was brought to Lyon Feb. 5 after he was expelled from Bolivia, where he had lived under a false identity since the 1950s. Barbie was the top Gestapo agent in Lyon from 1942 to 1944 during the German occupation of France.

The sources said Barbie was suffering from what was described as a strangulated hernia and that he apparently was scheduled to undergo emergency surgery. Barbie was rushed to the hospital after complaining of stomach pains, the sources said.

On Saturday, Barbie's daughter arrived in Lyon and was allowed to visit with her father for more than two hours in their first meeting since December. The two were separated by a plate of glass in a special meeting room set up at the prison.

"My father is very tired and sick," Ute Messner an Austrian housewife, said after her meeting with Barbie. Mrs. Messner on Saturday said her father was suffering from a hernia as well as a nervous system disorder (polynuriis) and that he was on medication for a heart problem.

Barbie was twice condemned to death in

Ex-union aide held in Poland

WARSAW, March 6 (R) — Police have arrested a prominent official of the banned Solidarity union in Warsaw as authorities pursue a campaign against national and local activists 14 months after the military crackdown.

The detention of journalist Jan Malachowski, 58, on Wednesday was carried out as reports reached Warsaw of action against other union figures in different parts of the country.

Malachowski's wife, who is paralyzed and requires her husband's help to eat and move around, quoted a lawyer as telling her that he was formally arrested on Friday evening. She did not know what charges were preferred against him.

Apart from a case against seven main Solidarity leaders and a trial expected to open within the next month of five members of the KDR dissident movement, which was associated with the union, numerous cases are under way against Solidarity members.

Malachowski, a member of the union's national commission and deputy chairman of the Warsaw region's watchdog body, the review commission, was taken from his home Wednesday after police searched it.

Malachowski, an employee of the state broadcasting service, was interned with thousands of other Solidarity officials when the military took over in December 1981 and held for four months. During that time he suffered a minor heart attack and has since been retired from work.

Mrs. Malachowski said her husband was questioned at home about who he had been meeting recently but refused to answer. Government officials have said the fight against "political opposition" will go on for years.

Solidarity sources in Katowice said the provincial court in the southern industrial city sentenced a former union activist there, to three years in prison last week for setting up an underground organizing committee under martial law.

Pope arrives in Salvador

SAN SALVADOR, March 6 (AP) — Pope John Paul II arrived Sunday in El Salvador for a 10-hour visit during which he plans to pay homage at the burial place of the war-torn nation's slain Archbishop Oscar Arnulfo Romero.

The pontiff's special Alitalia DC-10 jet arrived at San Salvador's Ilopango Air Base at 9:44 a.m. (1500 GMT) on a flight from San Jose, Costa Rica.

John Paul was greeted at the airport by several hundred schoolgirls, dressed in yellow and white, waving flags. A national guard band began playing as the papal plane taxied to a stop. After an arrival ceremony, the pope was to ride on a motorcade along a 7-mile parade route to a field behind the metrocentro shopping.

At a departure ceremony in San Jose, the pope bade farewell to President Luis Alberto Monge, thanking Costa Ricans for their reception during his four days in their Central American nation.

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